

Second largest teachers' union rules out strike

By Ben Preston
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

LEADERS of the second largest teaching union yesterday agreed a strategy of industrial action against large classes that aims to avoid strikes.

The plan, approved by the executive of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers on the opening day of its annual conference in Eastbourne, is designed not to antagonise parents and governors and to minimise the risk of teachers' pay being docked. Teachers who judge their classes to be unreasonably big would, under the strategy, be advised to send some pupils to be "babysat" by their head teacher and continue taking lessons as normal for the remainder.

The proposal is expected to be adopted by representatives of the 150,000-strong union tomorrow in preference to a grass-roots motion calling for action against classes exceeding 30 pupils. Members of the union, which prides itself on pragmatism and self-discipline, are angry at the Government's refusal to fund fully the profession's 2.7 per cent pay increase and the threatened



Gunn: investment call

14,000 redundancies. But they are expected to listen politely to Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, who addresses the conference today.

Nigel de Gruchy, the union's general secretary, said that strike action was a distant prospect that members would contemplate only as a last resort. He said: "We want to stay at work. The last thing we want to do is go on strike, and last of all a national strike, which we are advised would be legally difficult." He said that teachers in each school

would decide when to start and how to graduate actions. Some would be able to resolve problems over larger classes by persuading head teachers and governors to make suitable management decisions. Others would decide what class size was reasonable — a number that would vary between primary and secondary schools, and different subjects — and send any surplus pupils to be looked after by head teachers, classroom auxiliaries or supervisors.

Emphasising the need for care, Mr de Gruchy said some pupils might need to be sent home but insisted they would not be put out on the streets. He expressed hope that, with the support of head teachers and governors and possibly even parents, the union's strategy might allow teachers to avoid being found in breach of contract and having their pay docked.

In a side swipe at union rivals, Mr de Gruchy said NASUWT had spent months preparing plans for the most difficult industrial action it had ever taken: "We are going in with great caution and without leaping around the stage as our colleagues have been doing at Blackpool."

School action threat

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members of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers are to vote on a boycott of classes with more than 31 pupils. Leaders of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, whose conference opened yesterday, will put forward a strategy today designed to avoid alienating parents with strikes. Teachers would decide when to start and how to graduate actions. Some would be able to resolve problems over larger classes by persuading head teachers and governors to make suitable management decisions. Others would decide what class size was reasonable — a number that would vary between primary and secondary schools, and different subjects — and send any surplus pupils to be looked after by head teachers, classroom auxiliaries or supervisors.

serious problem. He predicted that the union had a "sporting chance" of winning parents' support. In an apparent reference to the NUT's stance, he said there was no interest in joining a mass campaign against the Government.

Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, who is speaking at the NASUWT conference in Eastbourne today, has urged teachers to think long and hard before voting for a campaign which would damage their professionalism. Simon Goodenough, the chairman of the National Governors Council, said neither parents nor governors would support action which resulted in children being deprived of education.

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Anti-nuclear protesters climbing the security fence at Sellafield, Cumbria, yesterday. There were more than 60 arrests

Protesters storm nuclear sites

By Tim Jones

MORE than 60 people were arrested yesterday as Greenpeace campaigners breached security at the Sellafield nuclear reprocessing plant in Cumbria and blocked roads leading to the site.

Other activists from the environmentalist group claimed to have cut off a pipe which they allege carries radioactive waste into the Thames from the Atomic Weapons Establishment at Aldermaston, near Reading. The protests were timed to coincide with the opening day of the review in New York of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), whose terms Greenpeace alleges are being ignored by the Government.

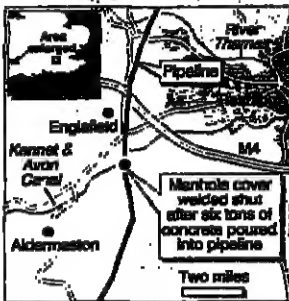
As demonstrators at Sellafield diverted security staff by driving lorries to block the entrance and secured themselves to the road with steel "staples", others used metal-cutters to tear holes in the wire security fence. Once inside,

some of them climbed on top of the Thorp reprocessing facility while others chained themselves to a railway line. Security staff and police chased and dragged demonstrators from the site. Greenpeace anchored its ship, the *Moby Dick*, close to the plant's discharge pipe which it claims pumps high levels of radioactive waste into the Irish Sea.

Stephanie Mills, a spokeswoman for the group, said: "We are taking action to do what the NPT has failed to do, to stop the production of nuclear weapons and plutonium."

At Aldermaston, as dawn was breaking, Greenpeace demonstrators used the Kenet and Avon canal to carry a concrete mixer and welding equipment to what they insist is an inspection cover for the discharge pipe from the plant.

After turning off the valve and pouring six tons of concrete on top of it, they welded



Manhole cover welded shut after six tons of concrete poured into pipeline

the manhole cover before leaving.

Mr Mills said: "Instead of getting rid of nuclear weapons, Aldermaston is increasing production of warheads for the new Trident submarines, and Sellafield is one of the world's biggest suppliers of plutonium."

Other protesters tried without success to parachute into Aldermaston.

A spokesman for British Nuclear Fuels, which runs Sellafield, said: "We are totally committed to non-proliferation and Thorp complies with

all the agreed international safeguards."

Thorp is a civil reprocessing plant and the uranium and plutonium recovered from its operations are a valuable energy source. Indeed, a plant is under construction at Sellafield to turn that material into new fuel for civil reactors around the world.

However, Greenpeace insists that its construction will turn Sellafield into "the world's nuclear dump".

James Conway, of Greenpeace, said that the point of the action was to prevent the Government from continuing to manufacture nuclear weapons and polluting the environment. She said that some of the demonstrators had come from as far afield as New Zealand and South Korea.

A spokeswoman for the Ministry of Defence refused to say whether the demonstration had had any effect on Aldermaston.

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Five hurt as pet pit bull runs amok

Five people were injured when a pit bull terrier ran amok in a house at Plaistow, east London. The victims, including the owner, were taken to hospital with bite wounds and scratches after the dog turned on them.

The five managed to force the dog into the garden, where it was captured by specialist police dog handlers. The animal, which is registered and is currently being kept in kennels, is to be destroyed at its owner's request later this week.

The incident at the weekend followed an attack by a neighbour's pit bull on a woman in Clapton, east London, on Good Friday. She was bitten on the hand.

Danish 999

An emergency 999 operator in Dudley helped to save the life of a man in Denmark after receiving a call from a relative in England. The family's relative had telephoned from Copenhagen in a panic because she did not know who to contact. Colleagues in Denmark were alerted and treated the man for a drug overdose.

Mud rescue

A policeman, his alaskan tracker dog and a burglar were rescued by helicopter yesterday after becoming stranded in mud near Camborne, Cornwall. The officer, Kevin Gifford, chased the burglar and handcuffed him, but they began to sink during a struggle. He called for help on his radio. A Royal Navy helicopter was alerted.

Mandela chosen

Nelson Mandela has been shortlisted for the £25,000 AT&T award for non-fiction for his autobiography *Long Walk to Freedom*. The other nominees are: Juliet Barker for *The Brontës*; Mark Hudson for *Coming Back To Brokensha: A Year in a Mining Village*; and Humphrey Burton for his biography of Leonard Bernstein.

Bush trap

A police helicopter airlifted John Simpson, 16, to hospital after he slipped and became wedged in a giant rhododendron bush with a dislocated knee at an activity centre in East Grinstead, West Sussex. It took three hours and a chainsaw to free John, from Bexhill, who was last night recovering in Eastbourne District General Hospital.

Hindley injury

Myra Hindley, the moors murderer, was taken to hospital yesterday for an operation on the leg she broke on Friday during an exercise session at Durham jail. Hindley, 52, had screws fitted at Dryburn Hospital to help her thigh bone to heal. She had been to the hospital to have the leg put in plaster after the accident.

Van death charge

A man appeared in court yesterday accused of the manslaughter of a seven-year-old boy who died when he and his family were hit by a removal van in Barnstaple, Devon. Tony Cain, 34, of Barnstaple, is accused of the unlawful killing of David Powell. He was remanded in custody until Friday by the town's magistrates.

Men join the club

The All Saints Mothers' Union at Lightwater, Surrey, has relaxed its "women only" rule after 60 years to admit two men, Frank Sitwell and Alan Robb. Mr Robb, 63, said: "I do the cooking and ironing at home so joining the Mothers' Union is really only the next step. My first duty will be running the cream tea stall."

Changes to child support rules from 18 April 1995.

The Child Support Agency has recently written to all its clients who have had maintenance assessed to tell them about the changes the Government has introduced.

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Battle over ID cards poses fresh threat to party unity

By Arthur Leathley, Political Correspondent

CONSERVATIVE divisions over compulsory identity cards are threatening to undermine John Major's attempts to unite his party behind its local election campaign.

As Tory strategists battle to avoid devastating losses in next month's local elections, MPs deprived of the party whip will open a campaign today to press ministers to drop proposals for compulsory ID cards. The opposition from the whippers MPs will reflect Cabinet divisions over the introduction of cards

which some senior ministers oppose on financial or libertarian grounds. Right-wing Cabinet ministers have backed Peter Lilley's fears that a national scheme might detract from his proposals to draw up a partial programme of identity cards for those claiming welfare benefits. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, is reported to have voiced concern at the estimated £500 million start-up cost and £100 million annual running costs of a compulsory scheme.

The call by the whippers MPs to halt the plan comes

Fewer Tories stand for local elections

A FALL in the number of Tory candidates in next month's local elections was seized upon by Labour yesterday as evidence that the party was "throwing in the towel" (Arthur Leathley writes).

Labour, which will launch its election campaign this week, claimed that 800 fewer Tories were standing for election than in the last similar poll in 1991. Frank Dobson, the Shadow Environment Secretary, said that, by fielding some 1,600 candidates more than the Conservatives, Labour was emphasising the

demoralised state of the Government.

In the last similar elections, Labour and the Conservatives fielded almost the same number of candidates. Labour says that this time it has 9,445 candidates while the Conservatives have only 7,846.

Senior Conservatives say that the party's historic weakness in Wales means that it will inevitably have fewer candidates. Strategists claim big advantages over Labour and the Liberal Democrats from being the first to start campaigning two weeks ago.

shortly before the Government's consultation paper setting out the options. The MPs are anxious to pre-empt the Government's green paper, which may be published before the May 4 elections.

The Government is facing losses of more than 1,000 council seats in the elections and is anxious to signal that it has not run out of ideas. While the ID card issue will spark heated discussion within the party, senior Conservatives believe that unveiling proposals before the council elections may help to woo disaffected Tory voters.

However, following this month's poor showing by Conservative candidates in Scottish local elections, John Major and senior Cabinet colleagues emphasised that unity was the key to turning the party's electoral fortunes.

Although the green paper will lay down options for voluntary schemes, the inclusion of proposals for compulsory cards is likely to be warmly received by Conservative rank-and-file members. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, was jeered at last year's Tory party conference when he floated the idea of a voluntary scheme.

Ministers will emphasise that the green paper is only the first step in a wide-ranging consultation exercise.

Wainwright memorial plan abandoned

By Kate Alderson

SUPPORTERS of Alfred Wainwright, the Lakeland walker and writer, have abandoned their campaign for an outdoor memorial to him after being "rebuffed by bureaucrats".

Wainwright will not be celebrated along any of the walkways he made popular through his guides and maps. The Alfred Wainwright Memorial Trust, set up by his wife Betty, supporters and friends, has now been disbanded after planners refused to grant permission for a memorial, an engraved boulder.

Bernard Oakley, 83, secretary of the trust, which existed only to honour Wainwright's name with a memorial, said: "No one has done more for the Lake District than Alfred Wainwright or

Wordsworth," he said. "We were confident when we set out, but the planners put a stop to that."

Mr Oakley said Mrs Wainwright, who lives in Kendal, was "disappointed and tired of the whole carry on".

Wainwright's 47 guides have sold worldwide. His first guide was published in the Fifties and the last in 1987. The trust was formed after he died, aged 84, in 1991, and campaigned to erect a memorial at Orrest Head near Windermere. The Lake District Special Planning Board threw out the application last September, claiming the site was unsuitable. Rachel Nutman, planning officer, said: "Orrest Head is a beauty spot and already has a couple of seats and viewpoints. We can not allow areas of natural beauty to be covered in clutter."



Wainwright: no memorial

Ferry scenes

By John... ..

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'The boat shuddered and groaned ... We were terrified. We thought we were going under'

Ferry survivors describe scenes of fear and chaos

By ANDREW PIRACE

RESCUED passengers from the *St. Malo* recounted scenes of chaos after the catamaran began taking on water.

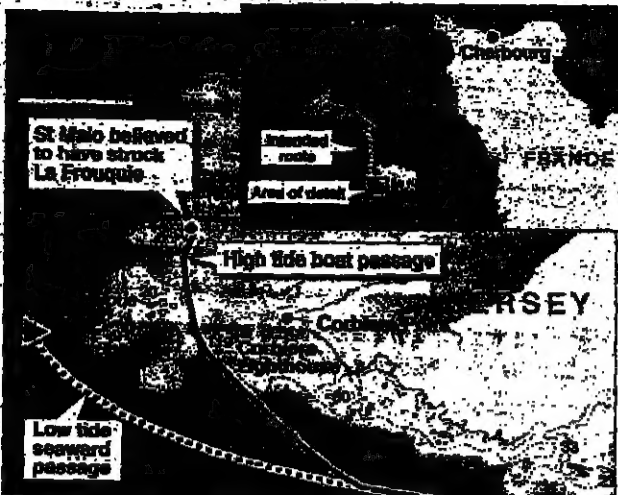
Mike Owen, 32, a Guernsey schoolteacher who was travelling with his girlfriend Eleanor McLean, 25, said: "For the most part we were very good and stayed calm. But the company counters seemed to disappear."

"The crew were good, when you saw them. We were at the back of the boat and water was pouring in. We were terrified. We thought we were going under. There was no advice from on high. The only warning was in French."

Karl Gotschalk, 46, from Germany, who was on the trip with his wife Krystal, 45, and their teenage son Christian, said that he feared they were going to die. "We had to jump 15ft for safety into the lifeboats. You never thought about it — you just jumped and hoped for the best."

"I saw people break their bones in the fall. Some of them went straight into the sea. I was up to my knees in water in the boat, which was when I thought it was going to sink."

Steve Newstead, from London, said: "The boat listed so quickly. We heard a loud bang and then it was chaos. Some people were pulling on lifejackets, others just made



for the lifeboats and jumped. It was madness."

Babs Crockett, 30, from Desborough, Northamptonshire, said: "One minute I was staring out of the window, the next there was a terrible bang. The boat shuddered and groaned. It listed alarmingly quickly to the port side. Everybody just ran for it."

Mark Moyon, 16, a Guernsey Grammar School pupil, was returning from a school skiing holiday in France on the *Emerude* passenger ferry when it was diverted to Corbiere Point for the rescue operation.

He said: "We berthed next door and tried to help people climb on board. It was dreadful. They were in a state

of shock. Some people were crying. We literally helped to drag them up on board."

Captain Roy Bullen, the *St. Helier* harbourmaster, said it was fortunate that there were so many other boats in the vicinity. "People were evacuated on to other vessels within 20 minutes. A casualty unit was set up at the hospital, the lifeboats were dispatched and other boats in the area were radioed and asked to help. I think it went smoothly."

He said that it would be unfair to comment on criticism of the boat's evacuation procedures until the inquiry was completed. However, he said that the crew would have been bilingual: "I would be

surprised if there were no instructions given in English."

David Turner, from St. Helier, was fishing near Corbiere lighthouse when the accident happened. He said: "I saw her come round the lighthouse and she seemed very close to the land."

"She was hit on her port side and she dragged round and started to sink straight away. I thought she was going straight down and my heart missed a beat. Thank God she stabilised."

The fact that the ferry did not capsize or sink was being seen by marine experts as evidence of the safety of catamarans. Many believe that they could soon drive traditional passenger ferries off the sea routes around Britain.

"These catamarans are inherently more stable than conventional monohull ferries," Marshall Meek, past president of the Royal Institution of Naval Architects, said. "In this case one was quite severely damaged and people still had time to get off."

Unlike roll-on, roll-off ferries, such as the *Herald of Free Enterprise* and the *Essex*, cars and passenger decks on most catamarans are in a separate central compartment above the water. Bulkheads divide their hulls into watertight compartments.

Inquiry launched, page 1



Abandoning ship: some passengers broke bones jumping into the lifeboats

300 saved from ferry

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will hold a separate inquiry and, if M. Peneau is held to be culpable, he could face proceedings in a criminal court.

A major disaster was averted by two crucial facts: the design of the two-year-old boat prevented it from keeling over and there was nearly a small fleet of passenger vessels.

These boats conducted the evacuation of the 100 Britons, 185 Germans, and 15 French passengers, and kept the casualty rate so low, according to the authorities.

Forty people were detained in hospital yesterday, many with broken limbs, their injuries sustained when they jumped for safety. There was no ladder on the boat to assist their descent.

Passengers told of chaotic scenes on board with only one warning relayed on the public address system after the rock had been struck. And that warning was only given in French.

M. Peneau was highly experienced and had worked on Jersey ferries for several years. To qualify for his pilot's licence he had to have made a minimum of 52 visits to the island in a two-year period and a further 36 a year after that to retain it.

A salvage tug, with M. Peneau on board, was bringing the catamaran into shore last night and it was planned to beach her in St. Aubin's Bay in St. Helier.

Divers were already at work to try to establish the extent of the damage.



Miss Ormsby Gore was engaged to Eric Clapton in 1969. They later split up

Harlech's sister dies alone in dingy bedsit

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

ALICE ORMSBY GORE, who has been found dead in a squalid bedsit, had rejected wealth and position to live alone and anonymously in an area frequented by drug addicts and alcoholics.

Lord Harlech's 43-year-old sister, who was engaged to the rock guitarist Eric Clapton when she was 17, was known as Deirdre Stevenson to her neighbours in the dingy block in which she lived at Boscombe, a rundown district of Bournemouth, Dorset.

After her body was discovered by police on the floor of her flat on April 8, the same neighbours were astonished to discover she had left behind an 8,000-acre family estate in Shropshire and regular appearances in newspaper gossip columns.

Miss Ormsby Gore's death, believed to be related to drink

or drugs, is another dark chapter in the history of a family that has suffered one suicide, three fatal car crashes and a series of financial difficulties over the past half century. Her father, Lord Harlech, the 5th baron, inherited the title after his brother died in a car crash. He himself subsequently suffered fatal injuries in a road accident in 1965.

The current Lord Harlech became the 6th baron after his elder brother, Julian, 33, who suffered from severe depression, shot himself in his London flat. The first Lady Harlech also died in a car crash. Lord Harlech was fined £1,400 for drink and firearms offences in November last year.

Miss Ormsby Gore was the subject of much newspaper speculation in the late 1960s

when she became involved with Clapton. The couple eventually split up and she never married.

According to neighbours, she rarely left her ground-floor room. Nicola Jones, 31, who lives opposite, said she had been oblivious to Miss Ormsby Gore's background. "We all knew her as Deirdre Stevenson and called her Dee."

"I saw her occasionally walking across to the shops. Once I noticed her eyes were closed and she looked asleep ... She was shuffling along and was a pathetic sight. She always looked shabby and her flat was in a disgusting condition." She said she had heard Miss Ormsby Gore had been found "with a syringe stuck in her arm".

A post-mortem examination has been carried out and an inquest will be held.

Sylvie Guillem has a way of dancing around tradition.

Her suppleness is legendary. Her command over those incredibly long limbs means that

Guillem frequently finds herself in conflict with the traditions and rules of classical ballet.

every performance evokes gasps from audiences around the world.

However, Sylvie Guillem is the first to point out that the exceptionally lithe body with which she has been gifted is a blessing in disguise: "You must work on this gift so that it does not become a defect."

That is why she constantly strives to push her performances beyond technique pure and

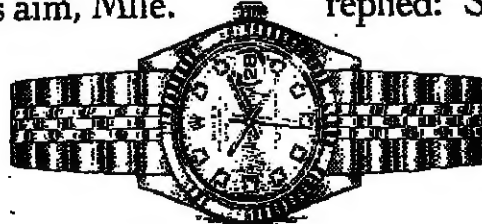


simple. "After that, you work on something else: how to express things. I want people to remember me as a dancer who tells a story with her body." In pursuit of this aim, Mlle.

ability. The photographer paused for a moment to enquire what this ballet position is called. With a smile, Mlle. Guillem

replied: "Six o'clock. Precisely."

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Golf club chief was 'sacked unfairly by earl'

By JOHN YOUNG

THE Earl of Shelburne, former president of the Historic Houses Association and a close friend of the Prince of Wales, faces a claim of unfair dismissal on Thursday from the woman he appointed to run a multi-million-pound golf course on his estate at Bowood, Wiltshire.

Sally-Jane Coope, 51, who was dismissed as chief executive last June, is taking her case to an industrial tribunal in Bristol at which she will also claim breach of contract. Mrs Coope has an impressive business record and was extremely popular with club members and visitors. But Lord Shelburne, who had not available for comment yesterday, has made no secret of his financial difficulties in running the estate. As president of the FHLA, he campaigned for greater tax exemption for owners of



Sally-Jane Coope, left, dismissed by Lord Shelburne

Avon, said yesterday that her dismissal had been totally unexpected. "I think the club was seen as a success, and it came as a great shock when I was told that I was no longer wanted. I worked extremely hard to put Bowood on the map. Only Lord Shelburne seems to know why I was sacked," she said.

"Mrs Coope, a former businesswoman of the year who ran a precision engineering company with an annual turnover of £1.5 million, is now working part-time as a management consultant."

Lord Shelburne, who was not available for comment yesterday, has made no secret of his financial difficulties in running the estate. As president of the FHLA, he campaigned for greater tax exemption for owners of

stately homes who established maintenance funds for their upkeep. In 1987 he took what he described as his "last punt" to keep his ancestral home in the family. He borrowed £5 million and instructed Robert Trent Jones, a leading golf-course architect, to turn part of the park, designed by Capability Brown, into a championship venue.

The course opened in 1992. Lord Shelburne told *The Times* last year: "We borrowed a great deal of money, but we are now comfortably into the safety zone, and I hope it will save Bowood for the future." His words, however, concealed the fact that, with membership fees of £1,000 a year, the club had failed to attract enough members.

Majority see mentally ill as axe-wielding maniacs

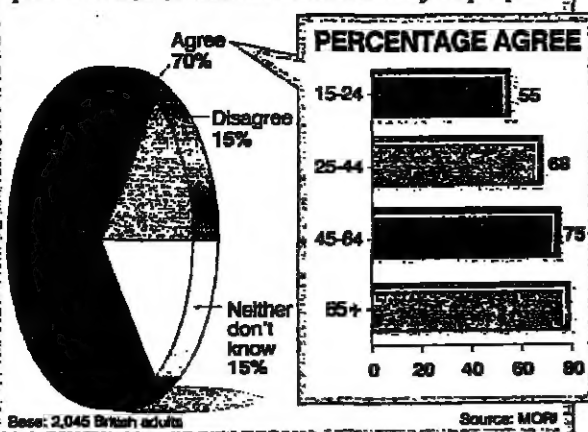
By JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH SERVICES
CORRESPONDENT

PUBLIC fear of the mentally ill has risen as a result of the Government's policy of closing long-stay psychiatric institutions, according to a survey. The image of mentally ill people as axe-wielding maniacs has grown in the public mind in response to well-publicised cases in which former hospital patients have committed violent crimes. A survey of public attitudes to the mentally ill shows that seven in ten believe that the closure programme has put the public at risk of violence. Half of those questioned said that people with schizophrenia were more likely to commit violence than other people. A quarter thought that those with mental illness were loud and shouted or stared and three in ten thought they were aggressive.

The survey of 2,000 people, conducted by MORI for BBC Radio 4, comes as the Royal College of Psychiatrists launches a 1,000-signature petition today calling for an end to "stigmatising images of

THE RISK OF HOSPITAL CLOSURES?

Do you agree or disagree... The closure of long-stay psychiatric hospitals has put the public at risk of violence from mentally ill people?



psychiatric illness". The college says such images have a damaging effect on psychologically distressed individuals and their families and makes it more difficult for them to seek help. Details of the MORI poll are to be presented by Michael Palin, the writer and actor, in a programme tonight to launch the BBC's

labelled and we never take the time to find out what lies behind the labels. All it takes to make life better for them is a change in attitudes," he says.

The survey shows that people increasingly believe that employers have a responsibility for the mental health of their workers, up from 70 per cent in 1979 to 76 per cent in 1990 and 78 per cent in 1995. Interest has been fuelled by the case of John Walker, a social worker who was awarded £200,000 against Northumberland County Council for a nervous breakdown caused by pressure of work.

Mr Walker had two breakdowns and the judge ruled that while the first was not predictable, the council's decision to re-employ him after he recovered but not lighten his workload made it liable for the second.

However, the taboo of mental illness remains. The survey found only one in 20 thought people with a mental illness should be allowed a responsible job such as a doctor, nurse or police officer. However almost half thought the mentally ill were well qualified to be actors or comedians.



Ellesmere Park's young footballers look forward to their coaching session with United's Eric Cantona, below



Cantona kicks off his penalty

THE enfant terrible of football begins a special coaching programme for young people today as part of his probation for attacking a spectator. The Manchester United striker, Eric Cantona, supervised by a probation officer, will teach more than 700 children at his club's Salford training ground, The Cliff.

Among the first to benefit from his coaching will be children from the Ellesmere

Park Junior Football Club in Manchester. Les Harris, the manager, said yesterday: "I couldn't believe it when I got the letter from the probation service telling us we would be the first in. This will be a great boost for us — we are being coached by the best."

Cantona was given the 120-hour order after successfully appealing against a two-week prison sentence for an attack on Matthew Simmons, a

Crystal Palace supporter. The judge at Croydon Crown Court recommended that he be given work which made use of his skills and helped young people.

Cantona's pupils, aged between nine and 11, will have a two-hour session in groups of 12 with the French international and Premier League player.

Football, pages 21, 24 & 25

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Belfast clash averted as marchers agree to alter route

By NICHOLAS WATT
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

UNIONISTS accused the Royal Ulster Constabulary yesterday of trampling on their civil rights after police in Belfast re-routed an Apprentice Boys parade to avoid a Roman Catholic area of the city.

The RUC said that serious confrontation was avoided after the Apprentice Boys accepted a re-routing notice banning them from marching along the nationalist Lower Ormeau Road in south Belfast.

The loyalists, who said they had marched on the road for 90 years, agreed to comply with the notice after meeting police. The marchers were bussed along the Lower Ormeau Road before rejoining the main parade in Ballymoney, Co Antrim.

Residents in the area, where the Ulster Freedom Fighters shot dead five Catholics at a betting shop in 1992, had protested about the route of the annual Easter Monday parade. Up to 200 protesters, some waving Sinn Féin banners, gathered on the Ormeau bridge, which marks the beginning of the nationalist area. Scores of police officers blocked the road.

Bill Stewart, the RUC's Assistant Chief Constable for Belfast, praised the parade organisers for preventing serious trouble. But Andrew Todd, chief marshal of the parade, accused Sinn Féin of harassing protesters.

Gerard Rice, of the nationalist Lower Ormeau Concerned Residents' Association, denied that the re-routing had been a political victory. "It is not a victory for one community over another community. It is a victory for common sense," he said.

Girl of 13 orphaned as crash kills five

By KATE ALDERSON

A GIRL aged 13 was the sole survivor of a car crash that killed her parents, her sister and two other people yesterday.

The head-on collision happened on the A629 bypass at Skipton, North Yorkshire, at 8.40am. The road was closed for three hours as emergency workers cut bodies from the wreckage.

Stephen Austin, 42, of Shipley, West Yorkshire, who was driving a Vauxhall Cavalier, died instantly with his daughter Sarah, 22, fellow passenger Deborah Jane Illingworth, 26, and the unnamed driver of the other car, a Vauxhall Nova, who is thought to have been from Skipton.

Carol Ann Austin, 45, was pulled alive from the wreckage but died later at Alderley General Hospital in Keighley from massive injuries. Abigail Austin, 13, suffered serious injuries and underwent surgery last night at Leeds General Hospital.

The Austins were Jehovah's Witnesses. Miss Illingworth, who had no next of kin, was introduced to the family through the church and lived with them.

North Yorkshire Police appealed for witnesses. "We are not clear how the accident happened," Inspector John McCann said. "The only indication we have is that the Nova had crossed on to the off-side of the road."

Two married couples were among six people killed in a head-on car crash near Farranfore airport, Co Kerry. Three men and three women, who were travellers from Kilmarnock, died instantly when their car was in collision with another vehicle shortly before 9.00pm on Sunday.

Library introduces Internet porn clause

By A STAFF REPORTER

COMPUTER users at the Lord Louis Library in Newport, Isle of Wight, which goes on-line today, are to be asked to sign an undertaking not to use the Internet for pornography.

"We don't want users viewing soft porn on the Internet in a public place like a library," George Chastney, the Isle of Wight council's public affairs manager, said. "If it is discovered they have broken their pledge, they will be banned for life."

The Internet is a worldwide network of computers, linked by telephone lines, along which vast amounts of information can be moved instantly. About 30 million people are believed to be connected to it. At today's Internet launch in Newport, Councillor Peggy Jarman will send a goodwill e-mail message to President Clinton.

The council is emphasising that, far from offering a licence for abuse, the Internet will provide small communities with access to a global communications network. Last month the Govern-

ment set up a committee of civil servants to monitor developments in the availability of computer pornography and to consider whether tougher legislation was needed. Mary Whitehouse, the veteran campaigner against pornography, met the Prime Minister last year to press for tighter controls.

Last year's Criminal Justice and Public Order Act included provisions to close loopholes in the law that had hindered prosecutions. Because of the huge expansion and internationalisation of electronic information networks, it is increasingly difficult to identify the culprits.

A central concern is over the ease of access offered to computer-literate young people. Lack of control over the Internet means that, whatever steps the Government may take in Britain, for example, determined users can access material produced in countries where there are no comparable obscenity laws. In another disturbing development, children themselves are being exploited in the making of pornography.

Relatives re-feud between Nile explorers

ONE of the most bitter feuds in the history of Egyptian exploration has been rekindled as two rival expeditions to the Nile have clashed in the desert. The feud is between the British and French expeditions, which have been exploring the Nile for over 100 years. The British expedition, led by Sir John Peel, and the French expedition, led by Dr. Jean-François Coiffard, have both been exploring the Nile for over 100 years. The British expedition, led by Sir John Peel, and the French expedition, led by Dr. Jean-François Coiffard, have both been exploring the Nile for over 100 years.

Nurse who ca Aids in Africa

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Besieged Bath declares war on the hit-and-run visitor

OUTSIDE Bath Abbey on a sunny spring afternoon, George and Margaret Evans from Bloomington, Indiana, were listening to a busking oboist playing a baroque concerto. They were obviously enjoying themselves and it was hard to think of a better place to be on such a day, with the daffodils profuse along the banks of the Avon and the summer armies of invading tourists not yet mobilised.

Designated by Unesco as a World Heritage Site, Bath is by any standards one of the world's most spectacular cities. The Romans turned to its thermal springs and lush green valley as a haven in which to relax, but the main attraction today is the Georgian architecture in a grand collection of squares, terraces and crescents.

Since John Wood the Elder laid out his great Palladian masterpiece, the world has flocked to Bath. Among its most famous visitors were Jane Austen and Joseph Haydn, and past residents include Thomas Gainsborough, David Livingstone, William Pitt the Elder and Clive of India. But the days when visitors and residents consorted happily have long gone. Nowadays tourists waving from open-top buses are more likely to be greeted with

■ In the last in a series, John Young and Paul Wilkinson visit two cities that are finding it increasingly difficult to live with tourism, but are unable to prosper without it



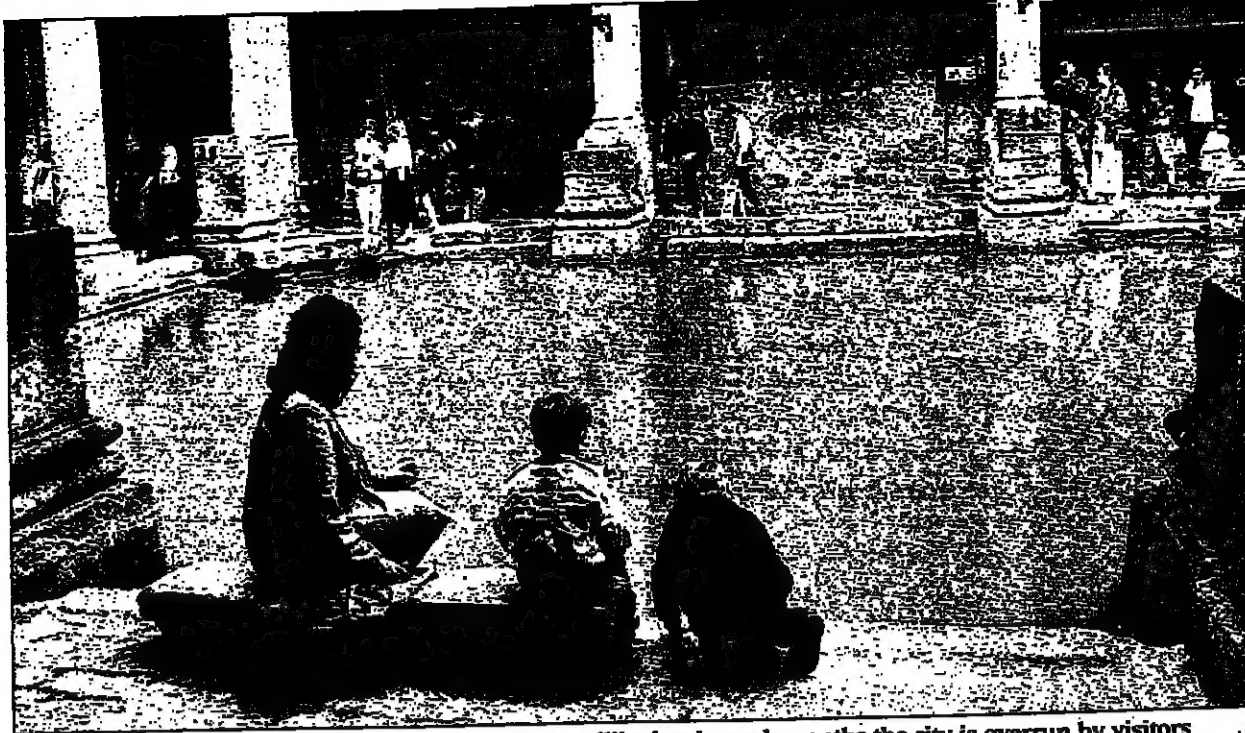
a scowl than a smile of welcome, while in peak summer months the crowds and the queues often destroy any sense of tranquillity. Mr and Mrs Evans had shrewdly foreseen the midsummer madness and timed their pilgrimage accordingly. "Everyone told us we were crazy to come to England so early," she said. "But we are really pleased that we came when we did. Everyone is so kind and pleasant and not hassled by the crowds."

Mr Evans frequently comes back to Bath because he served in the West Country in

the Second World War. Looking around at the buildings, he added: "With all our modern technology no one nowadays can come up with something like this. But I don't think I would want to come here in the middle of the season."

Nigel and Sue Noble were on a return visit from Perth, Australia, where they emigrated in 1988. "Seeing this architecture again, we really appreciate it," Mrs Noble said. "Perth is a fine city but all the buildings are new." Both said that service in shops and restaurants had greatly improved since they were last in England, but thought that might not be the case in July and August.

Residents would have few quarrels with visitors like the Evanses and the Nobles but it is a different matter when the peace of their homes is shattered by the amplified voices of guides addressing parties of sightseers. Recently there were complaints that a particular guide repeated the same jokes at maximum volume day after day. The people of Bath



The Romans made Bath into a haven of tranquillity but in peak months the city is overrun by visitors

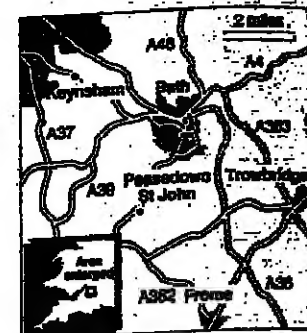
are so sensitive to noise that they even forced the cancellation last year of an open-air concert by Placido Domingo. Over tea in the Pump Rooms Paul Simons, the city's tourism director, said that Bath needed more, not fewer, visitors. Although it had experi-

enced less of a slump in tourism than most other places, numbers were at best static and last year there were 200,000 empty bed nights. But he decided not to want any more day-trippers. The aim was to attract affluent visitors from Germany, the Nether-

lands, Belgium, North America and Japan. "The backpackers of the 1960s are now affluent middle-class families," he said. Part of his strategy was to expand the role of the city as a regional base for the surrounding countryside and to get people

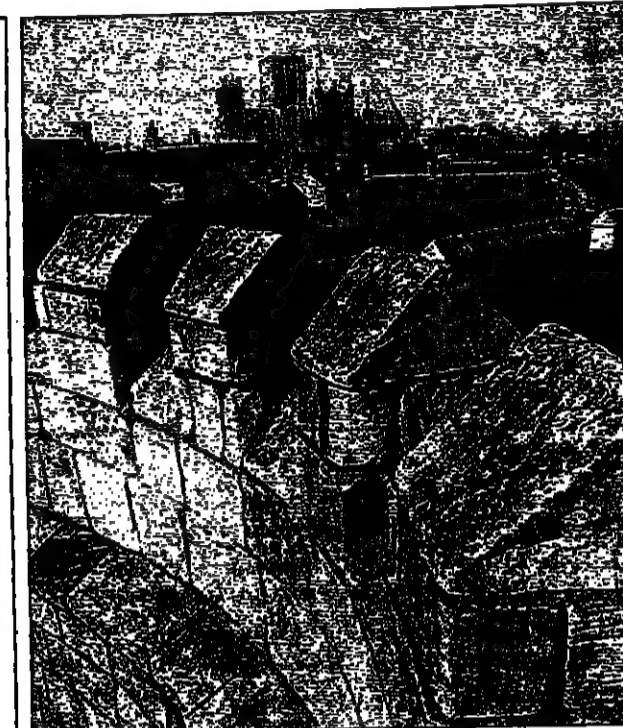
away from the overcrowded city centre. Local people recognised that tourism was a vital part of the economy but it was important to attract more people in the off-season, between October and May.

Naturally, the interests of residents had to be considered,



and among the steps being taken to meet their complaints were restricting the number of coach operators, not allowing coaches to stop in Royal Crescent and the other Georgian terraces, and banning loudspeaker commentaries. But there was still a problem with large tour operators who disgorged hundreds of people at a time in the centre of the city. They stayed an average of only two and a half hours and there was little chance of them buying even a beer and a sandwich. "We have to persuade them that Bath is a bit more than just a day trip from London," Mr Simons said. "Three quarters of our visitors come for a few hours, sit in the parks, spend an average of £9 each and then go back to London, which gets all the benefits."

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The medieval York Minster seen from the city walls

Walled city owes its future to the summer invader

THE soaring towers of York Minster, visible for miles across the surrounding flat farmland, have been a beacon for travellers for centuries. In the age of mass tourism the medieval cathedral continues to attract hundreds of thousands of visitors a year and brings large financial rewards to the ancient city. Now York is seeking to expand this lucrative business.

The city boasts at least 30 major attractions which draw in about four million people a year. Apart from the Minster itself, the largest Anglican cathedral outside London, it is also home to the National Railway Museum and the Jorvik Viking Centre.

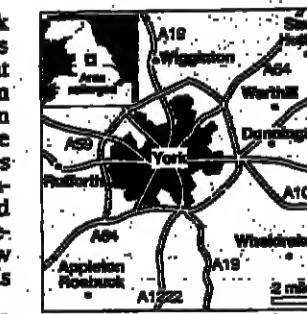
For years, city fathers angered local businessmen by treating tourism as little more than an inconvenience that had to be managed. Now they recognise that York needs tourists. The turning point was a survey carried out for the Labour-controlled council by the accountants Touche Ross last autumn. It showed that almost a quarter of York's working population derived its living from tourism, worth around £270 million a year.

In a city where jobs were melting away faster than a tourist's ice-cream with the decline of traditional industries — railways and chocolate-making — the survey was a salvation. It led to the immediate setting up of a joint council-business working party to look at ways of boosting the trade.

John Rigby, assistant director of transport and development, who is responsible for tourism, said the intention was to improve the "quality" of visitors, supplanting the day tripper with overnight stayers who spend around four times as much.

He said that apart from some traffic problems on busy days, sheer weight of numbers was not a threat. "A great deal of our attractions are centuries old. The real problem comes not from footfall, but from things like acid rain, and the fact that medieval engineers were a little sloppy in their construction techniques and things fall down."

The positive approach is evident at the Minster, where officials say the effects of



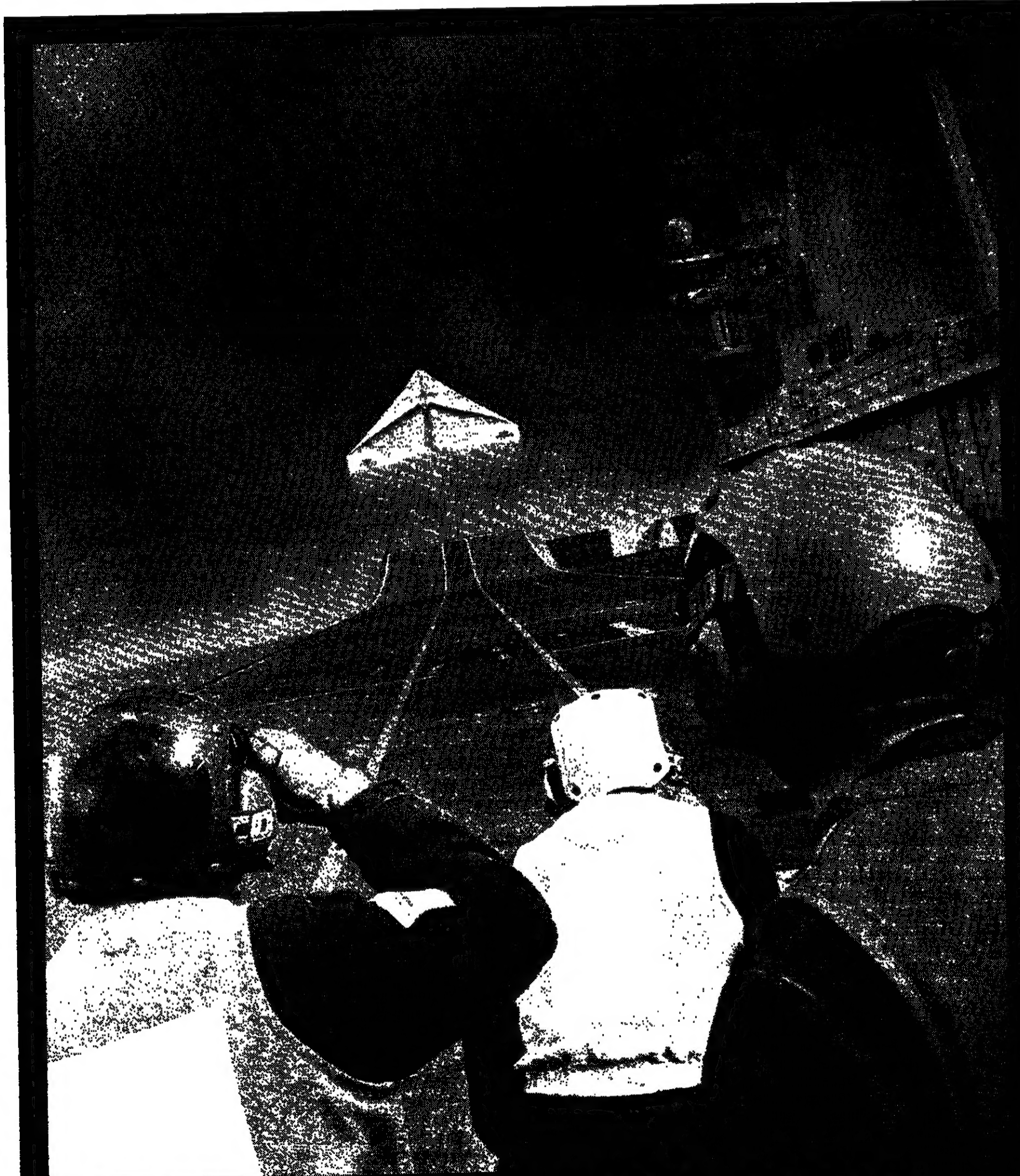
more than two million visitors a year have still not become a problem. Although people seeking detailed information are directed to its adjacent visitor centre, the Chancellor, Canon John Toy, says the great building is large enough to swallow even the biggest bank holiday crowd. Problems caused by the abrasive effect of shoe leather were solved 200 years ago when the Minster's limestone floors were repaved with harder stone. Pedestrianisation of the A64 trunk road, which ran within feet of the south wall, has reduced traffic vibration and chemical attack on stone from exhaust gases.

"We have so far resisted pressure from tourism," Canon Toy said. "We do not charge for entry and the Minster stays open during services, although certain areas might be closed off."

By banning all vehicles from the centre, York has created the largest pedestrianised area of any similar size city in Europe. An ambitious park and ride scheme is being developed around the city perimeter that will increase the current 900 free spaces to 5,000 by 2006.

Peter Addyma, director of the York Archaeological Trust, which runs the Vikings centre and who is president of the Council for British Archaeology, believes in a "happy hour" policy to help to spread the tourism load.

"We can handle things better by encouraging people to come at off-peak times. Why queue for an hour or more in the afternoon when by coming at 4pm you can walk straight in? Any why not come in February or October? Most of the attractions are indoors, it does not matter what is happening with the weather."



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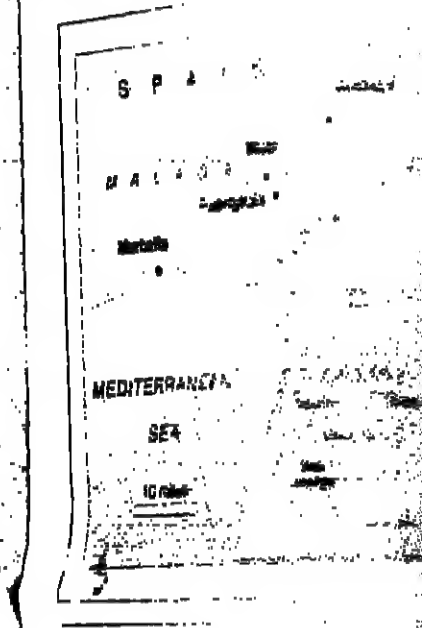


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Spain attack
Britain for
taking side
with Canada

THE GOVERNMENT'S decision to support the British government's stance on the Falkland Islands has been criticised by some in the House of Commons. The opposition has accused the government of taking sides with Canada in its dispute with the United States over the Gulf of Mexico. The government has defended its position, stating that it is simply supporting the principle of self-determination.



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Spain attacks Britain for taking sides with Canada

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

THE clear victory achieved by Canada against a divided European Union in the fishing dispute has united furious Spanish fishermen against other fishing fleets, particularly the British.

Yesterday David Brighy, the British Ambassador to Madrid, was summoned to the Spanish Foreign Ministry to explain Britain's pro-Canadian stance.

Emma Bonino, the Italian head of the EU fishing commission, in an interview with Spain's *El País*, also had some hard words to say about Britain's attitude during the talks. She spoke about the angry reaction in the port of Vigo, in northwest Spain, where up to 6,000 jobs could be lost as a result of the new fishing restrictions. Eighteen of the 40 sophisticated factory trawlers in the northwest Atlantic are now out of work.

Signora Bonino said that Britain's refusal to discuss sanctions after Canada's illegal seizure in international waters of the Spanish trawler *Estai*, was "a unilateral position that did not help us. I would ask John Major one question: what would be the European Commission's

and the European Union to do if a British boat was detained by a third (non-EU) country on the high seas and suddenly Spain or Italy said that we should not apply sanctions?"

Signora Bonino told Spanish fishermen, 70 per cent of whose catch comes from non-Spanish waters, that fish conservation was "in the interest of future generations of fishermen... there are too many fishermen for too few fish."

Luis Atienza, the Spanish Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, described the Canada deal as "the best possible" but his Socialist Government in Madrid is not supported by Carlos Principe, the Socialist Mayor of Vigo, who faces local elections next month.

"We are going to fight in the parliament and the streets," Señor Principe said, as he called for a mass demonstration in Vigo against the deal.

"This is a war we are going to win," he said. Spain plans to seek compensation for the Canadian attacks at the International Court of Justice in The Hague.

What has incensed Spaniards more than any posturing in Brussels has been the willingness of the Spanish



The Spanish trawler *Chimbote*, which is being held at Plymouth on suspicion of illegal fishing. A decision on the case is expected today

Government to capitulate to Canadian threats. Yesterday an editorial in *El Mundo* said that the EU had "ceded to the blackmail of force."

"The whole conflict was orchestrated by Canada in preparation to extending their territorial limit to 400 miles, with the complicity of some sectors of the EU determined to eliminate the Galician fac-

tory fleet that has already been cut by half in ten years," said José Manuel Muñiz, president of the Spanish Sea Fishermen's Association.

In common with other fishermen's leaders, he feels that Sunday's agreement sounds the death knell for the Spanish fleet, one of the world's biggest with 18,990 boats and 85,000 crew. Portugal is also unhap-

py about the deal. The terms of the deal are:

□ Total allowable catches of Greenland halibut not to exceed 27,000 tonnes in 1995 in Newfoundland international waters. The EU quota, which is allocated to Spain and Portugal, increases to 5,013 tonnes for the rest of this year.

□ From next year both EU and Canada will have a 41 per cent share of the total 11,070 tonnes based on this year's quota.

□ Fisheries control and enforcement will be tightened. All vessels to have an independent observer on board.

□ Refusal to co-operate with inspectors, misreporting of catches, mesh size violations and interference with satellite tracking system will be re-

garded as serious offences.

□ Canada to return bond and bail paid for the release of the *Estai*, seized on March 9. Canada is also to return the catch or its proceeds.

□ Canada to repeal law which allowed it to seize Spanish and Portuguese vessels fishing in international waters.

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Runaway Briton's mother in court scuffle

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN SINGAPORE

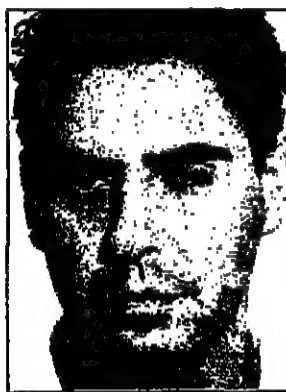
AN ESCAPED British convict accused of killing a South African tourist was moved from a psychiatric ward to a police cell yesterday for questioning.

John Scripps, 35, was arrested on March 19 for the murder of Gerard Lowe, 32, a businessman from Johannesburg. The case has attracted attention because police suspect Lowe was hacked to death and then dumped in the sea in plastic bags. Police are trying to match Lowe's blood type with that of a torso, legs and thighs found in the sea.

Meanwhile, Canadian and Thai authorities are checking to see if there is a link between Lowe's murder and the killings last month of a Canadian woman and her son while touring Thailand. Scripps is also being investigated for unsolved murders in Mexico and San Francisco.

Scripps's mother and uncle, who flew in from England for a week's visit, were in court yesterday but refused to give their names or speak to reporters. Outside the courtroom, the mother refused to be photographed and at one point ran to kick a news photographer. The uncle grabbed the photographer's hand and shouted abuse.

Scripps, from Leichworth, Hertfordshire, was serving a 13-year sentence in Britain for heroin trafficking when he absconded from Mount Bovingdon prison, Herts, in October last year.



John Scripps linked to other killings

Water rationed as drought hits Costa del Sol

BY EDWARD OWEN

BRITONS staying in villas on Spain's drought-stricken Costa del Sol were the first to suffer yesterday when the regional water authority reduced its supplies again after keeping water on tap from last Thursday to Sunday, the Spanish Easter holiday.

In the resort of Fuengirola yesterday those Britons staying at hotels or blocks of flats were unaware that water was being rationed because, by law, the tourist complexes have to install tanks capable of supplying sufficient water for three days.

At the nearby Milas La Nueva residential area, the water had been cut

since midnight, coming on again in the morning. "We had no warning," said David Hewson, a writer from Ashford, Kent, who was staying with his wife, Helen, and two children.

Bars and restaurants on the Paseo Marítimo in Fuengirola were also badly affected. "We have had no water all day," said Juan Carlos Cañeta, 42, owner of Ivan's Restaurant. "Recently we have been without water for two or three days. We have a tank, but the worst problem is keeping the toilets working."

He described the dilemma facing the Costa del Sol tourist industry, which is facing the worst drought in 50 years. "It's a vicious circle. We want the rain but the tourists want the sun. Don't

say we haven't got any water because they won't come here."

Down the coast at Marbella and Estepona, the water is cut for 16 hours a day and in all two million Spaniards in Andalucía are affected by severe rationing.

"We had water cuts all weekend," said Triffy Norton, 49, a film director's assistant from New Jersey, staying at her holiday home in Le Village.

Yesterday José Borrell, the Minister of Public Works and Transport, visited Málaga province, which includes the whole of the Costa del Sol, to discuss the problem. He admits that, while there is a genuine drought, much of the infrastructure required to collect and distrib-

ute water in Spain is leaking too much, losing up to 40 per cent of supplies, and needs to be replaced. The regional water authority is spending £36 million on emergency repair work and boring new wells. Golf courses have to use recycled water.

Confidence in Spain's ability to avert a major crisis at the height of the tourist season was hardly helped yesterday when it was discovered that the first tanker shipment of water to Majorca from the mainland, part of a drought relief programme for the holiday island, was contaminated and had to be pumped into the sea. The newly painted tanks in the ship had been filled when the paint was still wet.

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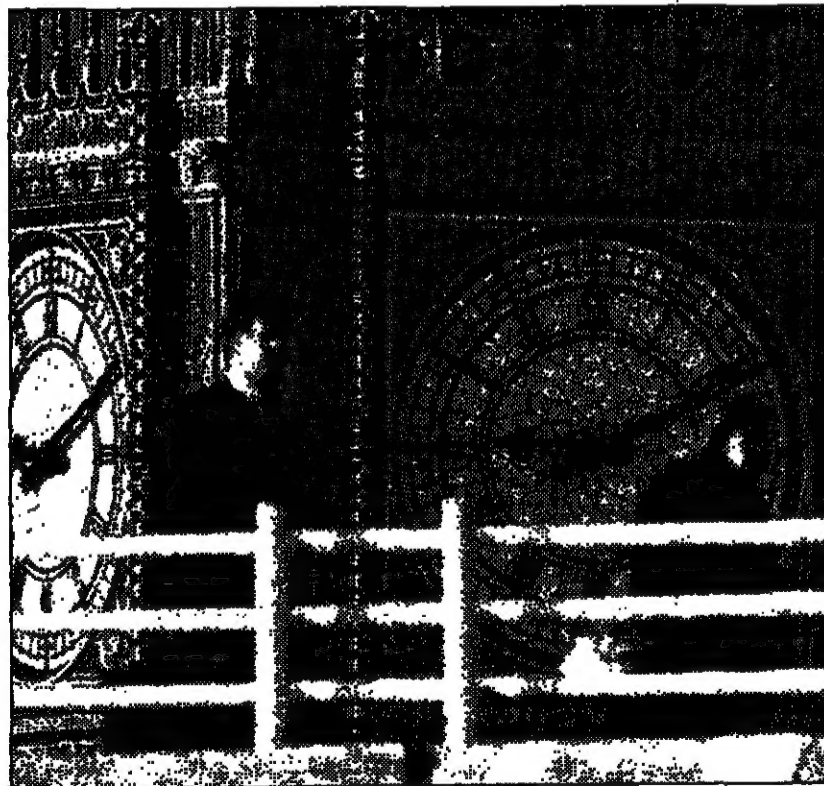
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China rejects US plea to pull out of nuclear deal with Iran

By James Bone in New York

THE United States appealed to China yesterday to abandon a planned nuclear deal with Iran, similar to one recently concluded by Russia, that could help the Islamic republic build a nuclear bomb.

Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, raised his concerns at a meeting in New York with his Chinese counterpart, Qian Qichen, on the opening day of a conference on renewing the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

"We feel that no nation ought to go forward with nuclear co-operation with Iran," Mr Christopher said. "This is not to single out China. This is a position we have taken with other major countries in the world."

Mr Qian appeared to dismiss the American objections: "We respect the view of the United States, but what we have done is consistent with international practice," he said.

China is negotiating with Iran to build two 300-megawatt pressurised water reactors and to provide associated nuclear know-how. The deal is similar to one concluded in January between Russia and Iran, which the United States failed to block.

The export of civilian nuclear technology to Iran is legal, and all the equipment supplied is covered by international safeguards under the existing non-proliferation regime. American officials fear, however, that Iran, an oil-rich country with little need of nuclear power, could divert the technology to a secret nuclear weapons programme. Last autumn, Israel passed information to the United States showing that Iran was actively seeking the capability to make nuclear fuel that could be used in a crude nuclear bomb. The CIA confirmed that Iran was shopping in Germany and Switzerland for equipment to enrich uranium using gas centrifuges.

American officials have not yet been as vociferous about the possible Chinese-Iranian deal as they were about the sale of two reactors by Russia, partly because they are not sure China can provide the entire package. When China built a similar reactor in the late 1980s, it had to obtain parts from Germany and Japan.

Mr Christopher also had meetings yesterday with Middle Eastern and Asian nations in an effort to muster support for an indefinite extension of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, due to be renewed after 25 years in force.

Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations Secretary-General, opened the month-long review conference at UN headquarters with a warning that, despite the end of the Cold War, some countries appeared intent on developing nuclear weapons. "Some states... are seeking to obtain materials and technology for the manufacture of weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear weapons," he said.



Qian: export would be perfectly legal

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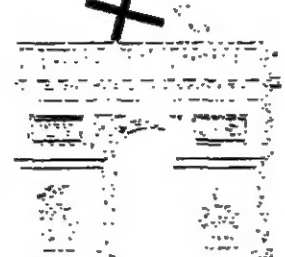
Jacques Chirac with his daughter Claude and his wife, Bernadette, who ascribes his demanding nature to his upbringing as a spoilt only child

Wives tell tales on France's candidates

FROM CHARLES BRENNER IN PARIS

JACQUES CHIRAC, the likely next French leader, owes his less lovable traits to a spoilt childhood. Edouard Balladur, his protégé-turned rival, is a mere amateur in politics. Lionel Jospin, the Socialist candidate, leaves his socks lying around and barely touches the housework.

These home truths have come from authoritative sources, the wives of the leading presidential candidates as they have submitted to public exposure of a kind not previously seen in a French campaign. Bernadette Chirac, Sylviane Jospin and Marie-Joséphine Balladur are not being hauled out to offer insights into the men who would be President and define the First Ladies they would make.



FRENCH ELECTIONS

is still that of the legendary Yvonne de Gaulle. For the first time, however, wives are being hauled out to offer insights into the men who would be President and define the First Ladies they would make.

The three spouses project

themselves in traditional fashion as the adoring help-mates of men of statesmen's mettle, and each with an idea that they would even compete with Danielle Mitterrand, the independent-minded première dame of the past 14 years.

They do, however, offer contrasts ranging from old-world house-maker to divorced intellectual. At one extreme is Mme Balladur, the strait-laced wife of the Prime Minister. The perfect high-bourgeoisie. Mme Balladur is appalled by the brutality of big-time politics, a field that her 65-year-old husband entered only a decade ago when he was appointed Finance Minister.

"They have been nasty to my husband," she says of the interminable feud between the Gaullists. "I never imagined myself in this milieu. I would like to have been a doctor's wife... My husband is starting out and I think he is not

doing badly for a beginner," she said in an unguarded interview after M Chirac's campaign eclipsed M Balladur's last month. The Prime Minister, who spent most of his career as a senior civil servant, never discusses politics at home.

In contrast, while Mme Chirac has also devoted her life to her husband and family, she is at home with politics. A strong-willed woman from an aristocratic family, she holds local and county councillor's jobs. As wife of the Paris Mayor for the past 18 years, she has kept an eye on the city's cultural programme. Claude, 31, the younger of their two daughters, has also made her mark as M Chirac's campaign organiser.

"For Jacques, I am a fixed point," Mme Chirac said last week. "He knows he can count on me at any time." In Paris Match, she ascribed his

demanding nature to his childhood as a spoilt only child. "He went at the age of 23 from a mother of an only child to a relatively devoted wife."

Mme Jospin, 48, is a figure from a different generation. A philosophy lecturer, a Socialist and an author, she met and fell in love with the then-married Education Minister six years ago. The couple wed after his divorce last year. When M Jospin, 57, won the surprise nomination in February, Mme Jospin bungled her first media outing, giving the unflattering account of his untidy domestic habits. She has since learnt the trade, standing by her man and rejecting any idea that she would be a Hillary-style First Lady. Mme Jospin also seems to enjoy the attention devoted to her looks. Described as an "egg-head on pretty legs," she said: "The association of the two gives me pleasure."

Chechens prepare for final defence of town

Moscow: Russian forces were yesterday preparing for a final assault on Bamot, the last Chechen rebel stronghold in the plains, after fighters rejected an ultimatum to surrender at the weekend. (Michael Binyon writes)

The move came as Russia indicated that it would ignore an arms control agreement that has hindered the use of large-scale forces. General Pavel Grachev, the Defence Minister, said at the weekend that the Soviet Union should not have signed the Conventional Forces in Europe treaty, which limits the number of soldiers that can be sent into the Caucasus region. General Grachev said he would ask the Western signatories to allow Moscow more flexibility, and indicated that if they did not agree, the army would ignore the treaty limitations until after the Chechen war.

Yesterday Interior Ministry troops regrouped for another attack on Chechens taking refuge in a former nuclear missile complex. So far ten Russian soldiers have been killed and 30 wounded in the attempt to take the town. General Dzokhar Dudayev's Chechen fighters have been driven out of all other towns and villages.

Turkey to expel 11 Germans

Diyadinli: A Turkish court has ordered 11 Germans to be deported for taking part in an illegal pro-Kurdish demonstration in Silvan, southeast Turkey. The court ruled that there was enough evidence to prosecute the Germans but that they should be expelled instead.

Western human rights activists had gone to the town to monitor the trial of four members of Turkey's Human Rights Association charged with separatism, who face up to 17 years in jail.

In Eastern Turkey, at least two fighter-bombers and helicopter firing rockets attacked Kurdish rebels in a mountain stronghold where 24 were killed at the weekend.

At Backnang, near Stuttgart, Germany, the headquarters of a Turkish sports association was destroyed by a firebomb. Nobody was injured. (Reuters/AFP)

Blasts kill ten

Gdańsk: At least three people were killed and more were feared dead after a gas explosion destroyed a ten-storey block of flats here in the northeast German town of Neumünster seven people died after a gas explosion on Friday, which destroyed eight high-rise flats and damaged 15 houses. A man who had repeatedly attempted suicide was found among the dead. (Reuters/AFP)

Freedom bought

Athens: A Greek ferry captain, found to be carrying almost double his legal load of passengers, was allowed to buy his way out of a five-month prison term at the rate of 5,000 drachmas (£14 a day). Nicos Rafailopoulos's boat, the *Mari-na*, left Piraeus for Rhodes on Easter Saturday with 2,700 passengers, including hundreds of schoolchildren, when he was allowed to carry only 1,447. (AFP)

Funeral snub

Athens: The body of one of Greece's best-known Aids victims had to be driven in a lorry 75 miles to his home village for burial by his father, when undertakers in Salonika refused to handle it. Kostas Ossas, 31, and his wife, Fotini, also an HIV carrier, attracted attention when they decided to marry two years ago. Both were drug addicts at the time. Mr Ossas died of a drug overdose. (AP)

UN squeezed by Russian and US split over Bosnia

By Eve Ann Prentice, Diplomatic Correspondent

THE United States and Russia are showing ominous signs of siding more openly with the opposing warring factions in the Balkans.

Washington is under renewed pressure to join the Muslim-led Bosnian Government, while Moscow is increasingly impatient to see United Nations sanctions against Serbia lifted. The hardening of support for the opposing armies is likely to chill relations between the two main powers, already strained by the expansion of Nato influence into former Warsaw Pact countries. There is little time for diplomats to try to heal the rift before Bosnia-Herzegovina and possibly Croatia lurch towards a new full-blown war.

The outlook is even bleaker for the United Nations peacekeepers in the Balkans. Villified for not taking sides, they will be in the firing line if the United States and Russia begin supplying weapons openly to the warring sides. Most observers agree that Russian equipment is already reaching the Bosnian Serbs, perhaps via Montenegro, while the United States has all but acknowledged that it is turning a blind eye to Iran breaking the arms embargo and supplying Muslim-led Bosnian government troops.

With two French soldiers shot dead by snipers on two consecutive days over Easter, Paris knows better than most that the UN is damned if it tries to pull out of the Balkan



Dole: says arms ban could be lifted soon

quagmire, and damned if it does not.

America's slide towards a more partisan role was signalled by Robert Dole, the Senate Republican leader, who said at the weekend that he would move soon to try to lift the arms embargo against the Bosnian Government. Asked if he would try to pass legislation lifting the arms embargo when the present Bosnian ceasefire ends on May 1, Mr Dole said it might not be exactly on that date, but added: "Yes, sometime soon". In Moscow, the Duma increased pressure on the Government to take a stronger pro-Serb line when it voted overwhelmingly on Friday for a lifting of UN sanctions against the rump Yugoslavia. The vote reflects the wide-

spread irritation felt in Russia at the West's handling of the Balkan crisis. It also comes as the UN Security Council prepares to decide next week whether to maintain a partial easing of the sanctions.

Tension between Russia and the United States over the Partnership for Peace programme extending Nato links to former Warsaw Pact countries, and Russia's nuclear deal with Iran, now threatens to make next month's summit between President Clinton and President Yeltsin fraught with difficulties.

The Duma vote has also unsettled Germany, with Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister, saying that co-operation between Russia, Britain, France, Germany and the United States — which make up the Contact Group of peace negotiators — was more important than ever.

The problems facing peacekeepers in Croatia increased at the weekend when leaders of the Serb-held Krajina region rejected a new UN mandate. Thorvald Stoltenberg, the UN mediator, has until next weekend to prepare a report for Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, on the implementation of the new mandate demanded by President Tudjman, who had threatened to expel the force.

Rome: Matteo Toson, 25, an Italian journalist investigating arms trafficking in Bosnia, has been missing for nine days. (AFP)

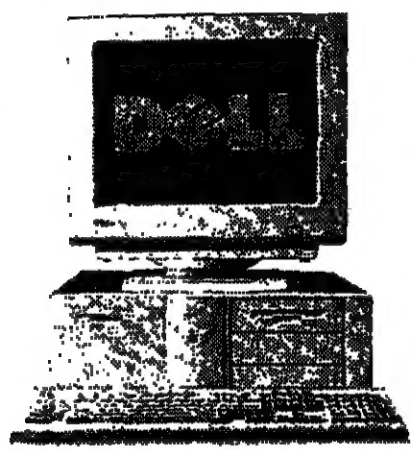
Museum chief quits in Passover book row

Sarajevo: The director of Bosnia's National Museum has resigned in protest at the rare display of a priceless medieval Passover book in Sarajevo's synagogue.

Using the 700-year-old book at a time when the town is being shelled daily, when a whole network of international agents is waiting to pounce on it, surprised me a lot," Dr Munever Imamovic said in a letter published in the city's

Oslobodjenje newspaper yesterday. "Regardless of how old, valuable and significant the Haggadah is, we can see that powerful people can take it whenever they want."

President Izetbegovic of Bosnia, a Muslim, agreed to display the book at the request of the city's Jewish community to dispel rumours it had been sold and the proceeds used to buy weapons for his army. (Reuters)



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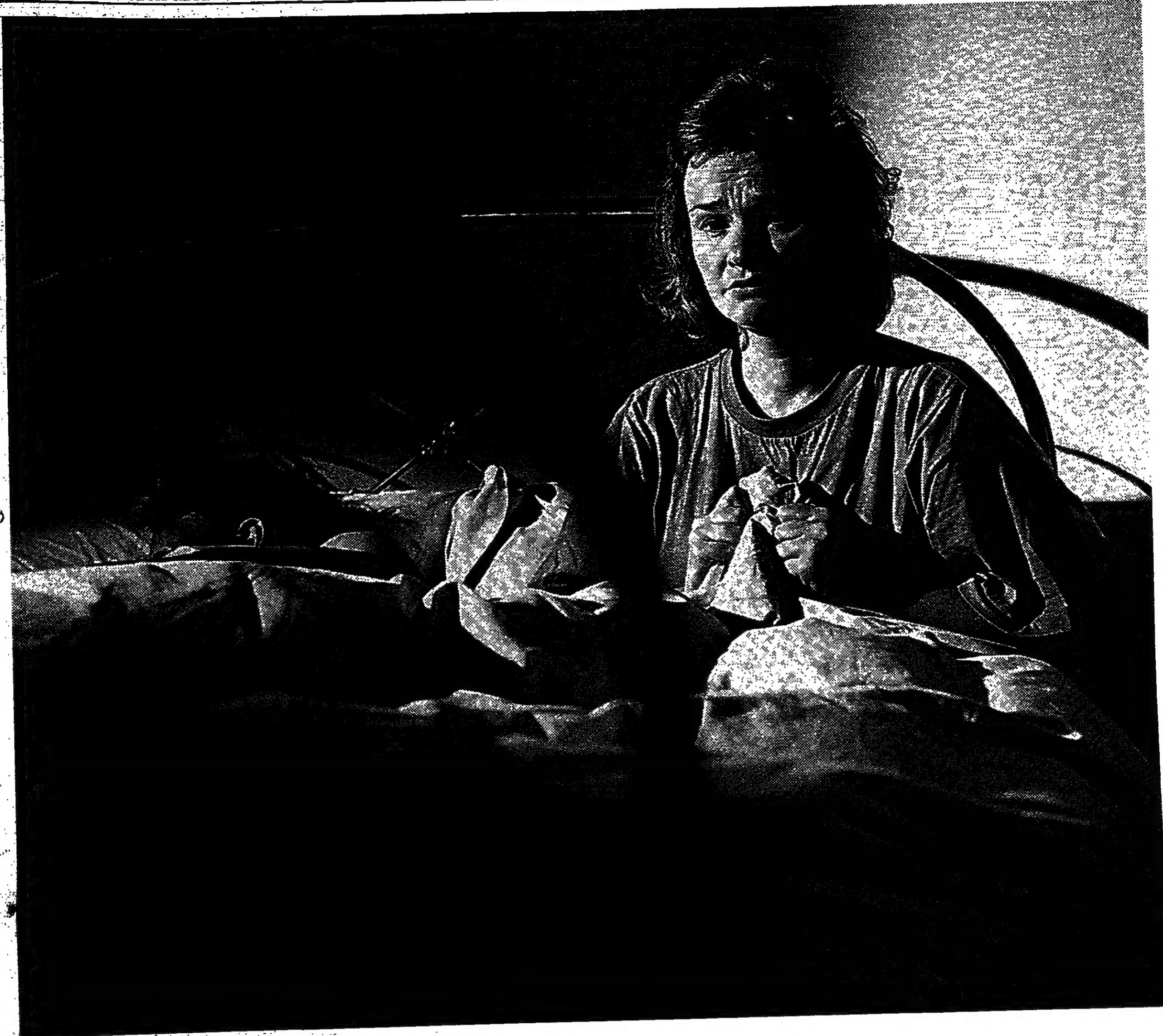
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Japan cult members find peace in eye of storm

In the foothills of Mount Fuji, Aum Shinrikyo sect members live in a secluded world of yoga and meditation, listening to their venerated master and chanting his words. They assume the lotus position in a room filled with the sound of chimes and the smell of incense.

Yet outside their sanctuary the scene resembles an armed camp. Swarms of heavily-armed police surround the sect's headquarters in a pastoral area about 90 miles west of Tokyo. Authorities have arrested more than 100 sect members during the past four weeks on various charges, including kidnapping former members and have seized tonnes of dangerous chemicals in the wake of the nerve gas attack on Tokyo's subway system.

Despite growing tension caused by their leader's prediction that disaster would strike Tokyo over the past weekend, cult life goes on. "Tension? It's rather calmness which is in my mind," said a woman who joined the group four months ago. "You know, it's not like something when you do sports or when you eat something very delicious. It's something more deep and calm: yes, it's very different from the ordinary world."

Inside Aum Shinrikyo's headquarters is another world, where every room in every building has a piano-sized air-filtering machine, constantly humming in a corner — a safeguard against a future nerve gas attack, say followers, who believe their leader's prediction that Armageddon will occur in 1997. Everyone takes off their shoes before entering Satyam 10, the spiritual centre of a sect that has attracted thousands of followers around the world from just ten in 1987, when

■ As sect members meditate, humming air filters guard against gas attacks. This is the world of Aum Shinrikyo, writes Christopher Szechenyi from Kamikuishiki

Shoko Asahara, the obscure son of a carpenter, founded the group. He is no longer present, but appears in hundreds of photographs, wearing a purple tunic. His bearded presence is the most eerie part of going inside Aum Shinrikyo, aside from the people who live there.

"He's perfect," said Yasuo Hiramatsu, a 30-year-old monk. "He can explain life and death, and reincarnation." Mr Hiramatsu dropped out of college and ended his mechanical engineering studies to join the sect and practise its mixture of eastern mysticism and the occult. At 23, he embarked on a quest for salvation by denying himself earthly pleasures such as food and sex. Sect members eat once a day and sex is taboo. Nevertheless, many are happy. "I would like to stay near my master," said the young woman, acknowledging that he has disappeared since the subway attack. "Spiritually, we are very close."

On the second floor of Satyam 10, a flight of stairs leads into a room full of sewing machines used by the members to make their own clothes. Everyone works in Aum Shinrikyo. They all live on the premises but are paid little. That is because sect members have detached themselves from the material world. They have to give all their property to the sect.

"It is almost like a business," said one former member, who broke away after disagreeing with Mr Asahara's tactics. "He talks about reli-

gion to trick and to brainwash people." Whether that is true or not — and the group denies it — Aum Shinrikyo is a successful business, producing computers sold in Tokyo. The sect also churns out thousands of books at its printing plant and produces videotapes at its sophisticated studio. The material is shipped to branches in Moscow, Bonn and New York.

The siege of the compound is likely to continue until the police find Mr Asahara. In the meantime, his followers, who believe he can levitate and predict the future, are trying to obey his commands and achieve enlightenment.

But some cult experts believe the police are putting so much pressure on the group by actions such as seizing their children, that it could snap, like the Branch Davidians in Waco, Texas, led by David Koresh.

Steve Hassan, an expert on cults and a counsellor for former members, said: "It seems to me that they're backing them further and further into a corner, where the only out is death, and it frightens me horribly. They're allowing him no out. No way out."

Fumihiko Joya, the sect's spokesman, said he considered police actions illegal. "What they are doing will result in nothing but religious persecution. In other words, the destruction of our religious community."

The author is an associate producer for the CBS News programme, 60 Minutes.



Aum Shinrikyo members chant along to the tape-recorded words of Shoko Asahara. They believe he can levitate and predict the future

Diary blames Asahara for subway attack

By GWEN ROBINSON IN TOKYO AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

FOR the first time yesterday police named Shoko Asahara, the leader of Aum Shinrikyo, as a prime suspect for the nerve gas attack on Tokyo's subway system which killed 12 people. A warrant for his arrest is now being prepared, according to Japanese news reports.

A document seized at the weekend by police in the cult's main compound, showed that Mr Asahara ordered the production of nerve gas and warned followers to be extremely careful in the procedure as the substance was lethal, according to police sources.

The document, a diary of events in the compound before the gas attack, is the strongest evidence so far that

the cult carried out the attack, which also injured more than 5,500 people. Yomiuri Shimbun, Japan's largest newspaper, reported yesterday that the diary also indicated that Mr Asahara ordered followers to catch and confine a cult member who was trying to escape from the compound.

Mr Asahara has been in hiding since the March 20 attack, and police are unsure of his whereabouts. However, Japanese newspapers reported yesterday that the 40-year-old guru had been sighted last week in Kyoto and the central Japanese city of Nagoya. Police spokesmen said yesterday that Mr Asahara was "wanted for questioning" in connection with the subway attack.

Fumihiko Joya, the cult's spokesman, and other followers, have repeatedly denied involvement in the

gas attack or other illegal activities. On Friday, police seized 53 children belonging to sect members.

So far, police have arrested about 100 cult members, including six senior officials, on charges ranging from abduction to illegal production of weapons.

They have also found a huge chemical stockpile, including all the ingredients of sarin, a laboratory and a plant at the sect's complex in Kamikuishiki that could have been used to make the gas.

The cult also tried to arm itself with guns and tanks through "Russian connections", a Japanese news agency has reported. Kyodo news agency quoted police as saying a sect leader attempted to buy tanks from Russia and to make guns from parts bought in Russia. It said the sect's "construc-

tion minister" visited Russia several times to explore weapons purchases. Last week, President Yeltsin ordered a full investigation into the activities of the sect, which says it has 30,000 members in Russia. A Moscow court has frozen the sect's bank assets and ordered its property confiscated.

Meanwhile, Tokyo appeared back to normal yesterday, after a weekend under heavy security following a prophecy by Mr Asahara that "something terrible" would happen. Helicopters patrolled and 20,000 police guarded public transport, department stores, stadiums, airports and theatres in the city of 12 million people. Mr Asahara had predicted that on Saturday there would be a disaster worse than last January's Kobe earthquake, in which 5,500 people died.

British soldiers take up duties in Angola

By SAM KILEY
AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

A GROUP of British United Nations soldiers, the first of a 7,000 strong UN force, flew into Angola at the weekend to shore up a shaky ceasefire between the Government and UNITA rebels. The ceasefire has been broken frequently since it was agreed in Zambia last year.

The advance party of 27 logistical experts will be followed by another 35 at the end of the month and a total of 650 British soldiers by the end of May.

The growing influence of Britain in Angola, where British investment is limited to trading and some diamond interests, is in stark contrast to her waning power in former colonies like Kenya, where the High Commission has been silent amid growing government repression of its opponents and the press.

One Foreign Office source put it down to the personal enthusiasm among diplomats and army officers, but added that "Angola is a very rich country". He added: "If we come out of this smelling of roses it certainly won't do us any harm."

After 16 years of civil war, Angolans went to the polls in 1991. However, when Jonas Savimbi, the leader of the Union for Total Independence of Angola (UNITA), lost the elections, which were judged to be free and fair by the UN, he withdrew his participation. Government forces then slaughtered men and women working in his campaign offices across the country signalling a return to the conflict that has left a million dead since 1975.

UNITA insists that UN policing of the ceasefire is essential to its success. The British troops, mainly from 9th Supply Regiment of the Royal Logistics Corps, Wiltshire, with elements from the Corps of Royal Engineers, Royal Corps of Signals, and a field ambulance unit, face the threat of ill-disciplined soldiers and official obstruction.

The British will be the logistical hub for UN troops from Pakistan, Brazil, Zimbabwe, Uruguay and Kenya. **■ Gladstone:** Dr Savimbi has come out of the bush to visit this Zairean town, raising UN hopes of putting an end to 20 years of civil war. Alouine Blonin Beyne, the UN special envoy to Angola, said that the first foreign trip by the head of UNITA in three years showed a "fundamental change of approach". (AFP)



Police examine the wreckage of the Hymns of Happiness karaoke nightclub after 11 people were killed when a fire swept through the unlicensed parlour in Taipei, Taiwan's capital, early yesterday. Thirty-eight people were rescued. The cause of the blaze was not known, but a waitress said

one man had threatened to start a fire before he left. "He was very angry and warned people at the counter to escape," she said. The five-storey building in central Taipei had passed six safety inspections since 1993, but it was not licensed for entertainment activities. Only 179 out

of Taipei's 1,258 karaoke parlours are licensed, a Taipei city official said last night. In February, 64 people died in a karaoke parlour and restaurant in the city of Taichung. The victims were trapped behind sealed windows in a three-storey building with only one exit. (Reuters)

Sihanouk's prestige keeps Cambodian hopes alive

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PHNOM PENH

HE IS one of the world's great survivors, a contemporary and friend of near historical figures such as Nehru, de Gaulle, Tito, Sukarno, Mao and Chou En-lai, and while he is now 72, he is still going to die very soon," just the other night in his palace here he entertained foreign diplomats for two hours by singing a wide repertoire of songs from swing to pop to Asian folk ballads.

King Norodom Sihanouk, pre-eminent figure in Cambodian politics for the past half century, the last 25 years of which have been marked by unparalleled bloodshed and upheaval, admits, however, that he has had to stop playing the saxophone "because of lack of breath".

Now 72, and having undergone chemotherapy in Peking recently for prostate cancer, the roly-poly Cambodian monarch was deposed in an American-backed republican military coup in 1970, and later was a virtual prisoner of the Khmer Rouge tending a vegetable patch at a palace here, with fear a constant companion, never sure whether he would be allowed to live, or would go the way of children and grandchildren killed in Pol Pot's tyranny. "I shudder to think what would



Sihanouk last year when he had chemotherapy

happen here if the King were to depart the scene," noted one Western ambassador. "Because of the respect in which Cambodians hold him, he is the glue that helps hold it all together." Most envoys agree that the King's prestige and political skills are essential for stability in this often near-

anarchic land. The King, restored to the throne in 1993 after UN-sponsored polls brought an elected Government to Cambodia, now reigns but does not govern the country he once controlled with a rod of iron, as he himself now admits, during his long decades of rule.

Nowadays, he is a big advocate of human rights and press freedom, for which the coalition shows less taste. On Sunday, the last day of the Cambodian new year and on the eve of the twentieth anniversary of the Khmer Rouge takeover yesterday, the King, dressed in traditional royal outfit of long-sleeved, gold-buttoned white top over silk trousers and black stockings, presided over a ceremony steeped in centuries of royal ritual. His consort, Queen Monique, sat alongside, watching.

His message was one of reconciliation, though he admitted he did not want to meet people such as Pol Pot in a future incarnation. "Some people killed my grandchildren and other people overthrew me," he said from his plush gilt throne, looking towards former Khmer Rouge and republican members of the present coalition Government. "But I can forgive them."

Saying he had recovered from cancer, he suggested that ministers, courtiers and national assembly members retire to a pavilion where the royal ballet performs, promising more songs. "I am happy — 100 per cent happy," the King said.

Australia 'wrong on Vietnam'

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS
IN SYDNEY

A FORMER Prime Minister of Australia, whose troops fought alongside Americans in the Vietnam War, says his country should never have entered the conflict.

Sir John Gorton told The Australian newspaper yesterday that initially he supported the war against North Vietnamese Communists because he feared for Australia's security. He changed his mind, however, after he became leader and now regards it as a terrible mistake. "I don't think the war was justified. I don't believe the Vietnamese would have taken over Laos, Burma or Thailand," he said. Sir John was Prime Minister from 1968 to 1971.

His comments follow an admission in a book by Robert McNamara, the former US Defence Secretary, that he and other officials made countless mistakes in the Vietnam War, which America should never have fought.

Sir John said he saw the error of the "domino theory", which held that other countries would fall to communism if South Vietnam was conquered. "We should not have entered into [the war] and neither should the Americans," Australia sent 50,000 troops to the war between 1964 and 1972. About 500 were killed.

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Winnie Mandela agrees to step down

Johannesburg: Winnie Mandela announced yesterday that she was resigning immediately as a deputy minister. Only hours before her dismissal is due to come into effect (Ray Kennedy writes).

However, she indicated that she might continue her fight against her speaking in the courts, saying that she had been advised that her second dismissal was illegal.

Christians killed

Zamboanga: Muslim extremists have killed 14 Christian hostages, mutilating and beheading some, while fleeing pursuing troops in the southern Philippines, a survivor said. (Reuters)

Minister quits

Manila: Roberto Romulo, the Philippines Foreign Secretary, resigned over the hanging for murder of a Filipino maid in Singapore last month. The move had been recommended by an inquiry.

Last respects

Peking: Chen Yun, a revolutionary veteran and the country's most powerful man after Deng Xiaoping, was cremated after a subdued ceremony. He did not want an elaborate funeral. (Reuters)

Ambush fails

Algiers: Ahmed Benach, head of the Islamic Salvation Army in western Algeria, has survived an ambush by a rival group of Muslim militants, it was reported here by Le Tribune newspaper. (AFP)

UN reprimand

Beirut: Four officers with the UN peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon have been reprimanded and moved because they attended military manoeuvres by Israeli forces without permission. (Reuters)

Damp squibs

Hong Kong: A fire on a Panamanian container ship carrying 114,000lbs of fireworks was safely extinguished 18 hours after colliding with a Chinese ship in Hong Kong harbour. (AP)

Easter tidings

Jindo, South Korea: Tens of thousands of people danced and sang as the Yellow Sea parted between the Jindo and Modo Islands, an annual natural spring attraction caused by the swelling of tides. (AP)

Man in the 11-car cavalcade named as India's Mr Clean

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

A SENIOR Indian government official has been named "honestest man of the year". The announcement prompted lengthy articles in the main daily newspapers yesterday, as well it might in a country sick of official corruption at every level.

The award went to T. N. Seshan, the chief election commissioner, whose campaign of self-promotion knows no bounds as he positions himself to become the next Prime Minister on the basis of his honesty.

A mere bureaucrat he may be, but he cruises around town in an 11-car cavalcade, windows down so that he can wave and smile at those stuck in the traffic jam; he has just created

police sirens wailing as he sweeps by. The £10,300 award, sponsored by an Indian corporation, was presented to him by Chandra Shekhar, a former Prime Minister — paradoxically not a man of the most pristine reputation. This seemed not to dull Mr Seshan's pleasure at the enhancement of his reputation as Mr Clean. "An honest Brahmin cannot do much but to accept the award," he said, pledging to give the money to a trust that he was establishing to work for restoration of the country's dignity.

He has often professed disgust at the decay of standards in public life and has carefully nurtured an aura of personal probity, while flatteringly

any political ambition. He has finally admitted that he will answer the call if the nation needs him. News of the award failed to eclipse the more familiar litany of complaints about corruption that fill the daily papers.

The Indian Express gave prominence yesterday to the antics of electricity meter readers in the prosperous suburbs of south Delhi, where householders never receive monthly bills higher than 350 rupees (£7). In return, they give the meter reader a cash backhand equal to 40 per cent of the actual consumption. Such everyday abuses are the stuff of Mr Seshan's campaign to clean up politics and bureaucracy.

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Kettle's Yard marks the centenary of Jim Ede, whose art collection was a revelation to many Cambridge students



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Laurence Boswell directs an excellent touring production of John Mortimer's drama, *A Voyage Round My Father*

At home with the modern

Richard Cork enjoys a centenary tribute to one of the great champions of 20th-century art, Jim Ede of Kettle's Yard in Cambridge

Jim Ede, whose centenary is being celebrated at Kettle's Yard in Cambridge, was a godsend to many of the students who visited his unique collection. Anyone who was at the house he had created, Jim delighted in showing them round, and sharing his enthusiasm for the idiosyncratic blend of objects assembled there. One moment, viewers found themselves face-to-face with a Brancusi bronze head, casually perched on a piano top. The next, they passed on to a cluster of purged white pebbles nestled near a window-seat filled with well-nurtured plants.

I first rang the ancient doorbell at Kettle's Yard in 1965. As an undergraduate hungry for contact with art of all kinds, I was appalled by Cambridge's lack of interest in the 20th century. The Fitzwilliam Museum was at that stage locked in the past, so Ede's involvement with modern work came as a tonic. Here was a man who had visited Brancusi's studio on many occasions and clearly learnt a great deal there about how to display art in sympathetic, light-saturated surroundings. He would pause beside Miró's quirky little *Tic Tac*, and recall how he had been given the painting in a Paris café by the artist himself.

Above all, Jim talked about his friendship with Ben Nicholson and Barbara Hepworth, his neighbours in Hampstead during the inter-war years. He met them at a time when they were struggling, both for critical recognition and for patrons who would collect their work. Ede was able to acquire their paintings and sculpture very cheaply. I remember how refreshing it was to meet someone who had supported, at its inception, the best British modernism of the period. And Jim was eager to share his good fortune with us, freely allowing students to borrow superb pictures from his collection and hang them in our rooms.

While Ede remained at Kettle's Yard, the main focus always rested on the unique interplay between artworks and all the other objects which he displayed with such def-

ness. Now that he is dead, though, the challenge is to preserve the spirit of Kettle's Yard without letting it ossify.

Luckily, the resourceful director, Michael Harrison, is just the man to strike the necessary balance between conservation and renewal. Armed with a handsome new extension to his temporary exhibition space, he has marked Ede's centenary by moving many of the major paintings and sculpture away from their customary places. Displayed for the moment in a sequence of plain white rooms, they can be viewed afresh. Eyes accustomed to seeing them in their familiar locations, next to light switches with their inner workings exposed, will find plenty of surprises here. Even Nicholson's earliest and most tentative oils of the 1920s look unexpectedly magisterial in their new setting.

David Jones's visionary watercolours, fortified by felicitous loans, have never looked more ecstatic. By no means all the important items in the collection have been transplanted.

Most of the drawings and sculpture by Gaudier-Brzeska, whose reputation Jim did so much to nurture, remain in their customary places. But Harrison has made sure that nothing remains unchanged. His most exciting idea is to have invited nine artists to respond to Kettle's Yard and make work specially for the spaces they found there. Some of the results are spectacularly disruptive, and they have upset some longstanding devotees of Ede's house. But I do not believe that Ede would himself have been dismayed. Far from it: his puckish sense of humour, and love of innovation, are likely to have relished the series of visual ambushes mounted by the guest artists.

The invaders appear where you least expect them. Open the lid of an antique desk, and you discover a pile of crushed white paintkillers deposited inside. Tim Head, who placed them there, is the most subversive exhibitor. He clearly wanted to challenge the tranquillity which Ede cherished. Elsewhere, Head has pushed a pile of broken plastic beakers under an old table. They lie

there in mock disgrace, typifying the kind of found objects that Ede would never have wanted to display. But he always recognised the artist's right to experiment, and none of the guests has felt inhibited about disturbing the mood of bleached refinement at Kettle's Yard.

Sit down on one of the sofas and the chances are that you will find yourself recoiling from a serpent-like sculpture placed on the cushion by Richard Deacon. Made of felt and horse-hair, this eerie creature reappears in front of a fireplace and on the antic bed. It follows us round the house like a stealthy intruder, and several other artists do their best to upset the equilibrium as well.

The top of the grand piano in the rectal area is normally a haven of impeccable serenity. But the impish Richard Wentworth, whose one-person show at the Lisson Gallery rejoices in the same desire to surprise, has covered the entire surface with broken crockery. Unlike Ede, who obtained many of his cracked plates from Cambridge colleges, Wentworth bought his at an East End street market. He broke and glued every one, as a tongue-in-cheek tribute to Jim's habit of mending the Kettle's Yard plates with fastidious care.

Michael Craig-Martin focused on furniture. In a space occupied by some of Gaudier-Brzeska's finest bronzes and carvings, he has painted

the whole of one sloping wall a shameless pink. It clashes head-on with Ede's partiality for white surfaces, and on this provocative puce sea Craig-Martin has floated the image of a wooden chair. By highlighting one of the more modest objects in the house, the painting invites us to look at everything rather than concentrating on the artworks alone. Ian Hamilton Finlay performs a similar service. On a nearby table, where orderly rings of stone normally lie undisturbed, he has incised one of the largest with a typically pithy observation: "Kettle's Yard Cambridge is The Louvre of the Pebble."

As for Judith Goddard, she directs attention towards the room once inhabited by Jim's wife Helen. I remember her as a retiring, rarely seen figure, content to let her gregarious husband perform the hospitable role with aplomb. But Goddard opens up Helen's sanctum. A perspex sheet installed in the doorway enables us to peer into the room. Here, a video monitor has been installed, and it transmits the images received from a camera perpetually surveying the room. Sometimes the screen is dominated by a bed or a chest-of-drawers which Helen herself once used. At other moments, though, we find ourselves gazing at the view through the window, or contemplating the calm luminosity of the ceiling. Goddard seems to be inviting us to look at the room as Helen might have

done, and the device brings us closer to a woman whose presence at Kettle's Yard was often overlooked.

Ultimately, though, the domain is memorable because of the art it contains. The surroundings are important, of course, and they offer a delightful corrective to the notion that paintings and sculpture can only be placed in the severe context of a museum. But at the heart of what Jim described as a "way of life" lie the works themselves. And Catherine Yass implicitly recognises their central importance in choosing Hepworth's *Three Personages* as the subject of her contribution. Yass has taken two photographs of the sculpture, and displays them in light boxes positioned at some distance from the work. Rather than diminishing the Hepworth, they enhance it. Yass's hallucinatory colours and grasp of the revealing vantage celebrate the sculpture, forming a tribute from a young woman artist to a forerunner.

Ede would surely have loved the reciprocity between them, and immediately set about explaining, in his quiet yet excited voice, how Yass's images encourage us to see Hepworth's sculpture as if for the very first time.

● Open House: two exhibitions for Jim Ede's centenary at Kettle's Yard (01223 352124 until May 8)
● Richard Wentworth has a show at the Lisson Gallery, London (0171 534 2730) until Saturday

THEATRE: Mortimer's memories revived

Paternal verities

A Voyage Round My Father
Nuffield, Southampton

Laurence Olivier and Alan Bates moved into John Mortimer's paternal home to film the barrister-turned-writer's autobiographical drama. Laurence Boswell's excellent touring production of *A Voyage Round My Father*, with Robert Lang as the blind, destructive yet enduringly droll father, and Mark Tandy as his frustrated yet fond son, simply has a doll's house. Child-sized, or perhaps small because distantly remembered, its lights are still on inside.

This is a memory play, with minimal *mise-en-scène*. Idit Nathan's square box set, if somewhat puzzlingly tiled like a bath house, has the power of simplicity.

Boswell directs with honed skill while starting from bold theatricality. The opening "sound bites" of the Father's acutely eloquent speech, resurfacing in the Son's memory, are spoken like distinctly "delivered" poetry. Lang talks of the evening earwig hunt, his eccentric home ritual of drowning the little blighters in a bucket, in the rhythmically halting, singsong voice. The adult Tandy stands listening on a stepladder, perhaps back in his childhood in the orchard, perhaps climbing into the attic and rediscovering his half-forgotten past.

Tandy is gently riveting, moving effortlessly between being a participant and a spectator of childhood scenes replayed (with above average juvenile actors). He watches his schoolboy self telling outrageous fibs about his parents and innocently swallowing bad, absurdly British advice on sex from his schoolmasters, with a blend of humorous wryness and almost paternal con-

cern. The pain of the family relationships could be pushed fractionally. The comedy is wonderfully done, but the grief could accumulate.

Perhaps Mortimer's Father might cut deeper with his acerbic *aperçus*, or reveal slightly more vulnerability when his grown son corrects his vision of London as years out of date. However, Lang's portrayal is beautifully complex: portly, red-faced, with a potent turn of phrase yet a curiously fading voice; eternally distant but with a whisper of paternal care; cynical and cruel yet with a wicked sense of humour that, on just one occasion, blossoms into a warm shared laugh.

Lynn Farleigh, as his wife, a surprisingly small part, is patiently suffering with the unlit shadow of grinded teeth. Kristin Marks gives a strong performance as her more independent, fiercer, admirably honest daughter-in-law.

The remaining cast double compactly for the minor parts with slightly excessive caricatures from Mary Rose but flamboyantly funny vignettes from David Fielder. His boyowned schoolteacher slurs his way through geometry like a drunken crow. As a loopy applicant for divorce proceedings, his Mr Mortimer switches like a parakeet in his sad maw.

KATE BASSETT

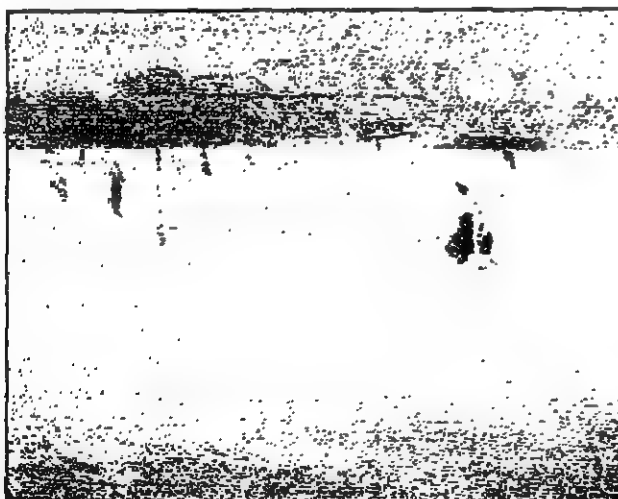
Talent glossed over

A retrospective of Sir James Gunn reveals early promise dulled by success

To the left, the late King sits, beard-clad, legs crossed, immaculate from the brilliant hair to the highly-polished brogues, with dog, needless to say, behind the chair. In the centre, the Queen Mother is at the tea-table. Georgian teapot in hand. To the right, the present Queen, then Princess Elizabeth, sits expectantly, and Princess Margaret stands, apparently about to sit. And all around the gracious neo-gothic interior of the Royal Lodge at Windsor. The year is 1950, the image unforgettable.

But who painted it? And however memorable the image may be, is it actually a very good painting? The answer to the first is easy enough to discover at the Fine Art Society, where the retrospective of Sir James Gunn which started last year at the Scottish National Portrait Gallery has recently arrived. The painting is right at the entrance, and it must be said that it is not altogether encouraging. It is competent enough, of course, and one cannot but admire the skill with which Gunn paints the shoes of the royal group.

The worry remains. Is not the picture, in its positive qualities as well as its limitations, the work of an illustrator rather than a painter? If there is a line to be drawn somewhere between the two disciplines — and surely there



The Grand Palais from the Invalides, Paris, 1912 — like other Scots, Gunn was drawn to southerly light

is, wherever it comes — Gunn seems to be definitely on the side of the glossy magazines. But such judgments always need to be tested.

Nowadays, little by little the great panjandrums of British painting at mid-century are being looked at again, and one can never be too sure in advance what one will find. Frequently, as with Gerald Kelly and Gunn, there seems to be a core passion for paint which gradually gets overlaid by the pressures of making a living, of keeping up a position in society.

Like Kelly, Gunn was very good in his early twenties at sparkling, almost instantaneous beach scenes. Just before the First World War he was studying in Paris; early in the war he was stationed in northern France. Like many Scottish painters he was drawn to the blanching light of the Mediterranean, southern Spain or North Africa. The almost-abstractness of *From*

My Window, Ronda (1914) is brilliantly caught, as only a real painter could. The glowing beaches of Eretat (or Ramsgate) are vividly rendered in several paintings of the early Twenties. In *Owen Sewing* (c.1920), for a moment Gunn looks like a Scottish Colourist.

Most of the later portraits are frankly dull, but even among them there is an occasional interestingly ambiguous image, like *Pauline Waiting* of 1939, where the fashionably dressed woman sits abstractly among people taking tea in some grand hotel. Another good man led astray by the lures of worldly success? Perhaps. At least we now have a clearer idea how good he was to begin with.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

● Sir James Gunn 1893-1964 is at the Fine Art Society, 148 New Bond Street, W1 (0171 629 5161). Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, until Friday

EACH of Craigie Horsfield's photographs is unique, developed to a huge scale from a store of available negatives. The negatives are from pictures which might have been taken by him in any year between 1971 and now, and in any place, from Oxford or East London to Germany or Poland.

The large scale, with the images often reaching from floor to ceiling in this domestically scaled gallery, gives the work a particularly imposing presence. The viewer's relationship with each picture is highly physical.

Horsfield's exhibitions all follow the same principle. There are views of machinery, industrial containers, nude women and portraits. Much of the imagery is full and frontal, the edge of the subject often riding off the side of the picture.

The portraits give a sense of familiarity, and yet the generality of art allows a distance to be maintained. A woman turns her head away; she has strong black eyebrows, but shoulders and breasts are caught with varying degrees of attention, detail and focus.

The pictures take time to reveal themselves; they demand the sort of attention and focus that suggests early attempts to construct physical sense out of the broken surface of a Pointillist or Cubist painting.

Without special effects or manipulative juggling Horsfield lets pictures of the familiar suggest experiences that are common and general.

Frith Street Gallery, 59-60 Frith Street, London W1 (0171 494 1550), until May 6

● A CONTINUOUS video of Janine Antoni

AROUND THE GALLERIES

swabbing the floor with her hair explains the marks on the floor in Glasgow's CCA gallery; elsewhere there are discarded empty hair-dye containers. In *Lick and Lather* a series of twice self-portrait busts made from chocolate or soap sit on neoclassical plinths and dominate the main gallery. Antoni literally bites, chews, moulds, and casts chocolate, lard and soap in order to carry generalised ideas about women to a physical conclusion. But sometimes the activity is out of step with the intention.

CCA, 350 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow (0141 332 7521) until Saturday

□ Wendy Smith's drawings are extremely exact and use a vocabulary reminiscent of architectural drawing. But instead of being concerned with rigour, purity or the "logic" of geometry, the pictures are complicated, elaborate and obsessive. A single viewpoint is exchanged for a multi-

faceted one. A series of opaque gouaches in dense greens and pinks create a surprising level of tension from apparently limited means, while a piece of engraved glass leans against the wall like a remnant of Gothic industrial architecture. Gilmore Gallery, 1 Colville Place, London W1 (0171 657 4863), until Friday

□ Gary Hume makes shiny-faced paintings in glossy enamel paint. At times he draws, almost carves, into the surface to produce light graphic touches. The paintings are not of anything exactly recognisable, and yet they are not really abstract in the conventional sense. The infinite potential of Hume's hit-and-miss approach to imagery is reflected in a deliberately strange use of contrasting colours.

White Cube, 44 Duke Street, St James's, London (0171 930 5373) until May 13

□ Under the title *Couldn't Get Ahead* curator Adam McEwan has brought together a mock tool-workshop by Bob and Roberta Smith: a collaged "family tree" of jewellery by Andrea Bowers; a CD as part of the catalogue; a screenplay written by Georgina Starr; and a barely completed model of an abandoned Modernist house by Sam Durant. With time, the adolescent atmosphere starts to look deliberate. Nothing is meant to be quite right in this roughly finished but effective mass of scrambled memories.

Independent Art Space, 25a Smith Street, London SW3 (0171 239 9233) to May 13

SACHA CRADDOCK



Jennifer Horsfield, *Kraków, March 1973*, from Craigie Horsfield's show

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Many of the 55,000 people taken to hospital in Britain each year with broken hips will not get all the treatment they need, says Dr Thomas Stuttford

Many a slip after a fractured hip

NEARLY 200 years after the death of William Windham, the 18th-century statesman, from a fractured hip, orthopaedic surgeons are still confronted by the same problems as those presented by his case, and rather more often than is supposed. The patient, like Windham, dies.

William Windham achieved fame as Secretary at War against revolutionary France. In 1810, while staying at Felbrigg, his Norfolk estate now owned by the National Trust, Windham went to help a neighbour whose library was on fire. He fell off a ladder, fractured his hip, was operated on rather later than would now be the case and died a few days after surgery. Recently, the *British Medical Journal* has reported the result

of a survey in various hospitals in East Anglia into the differences of the death rate after fracture of the hip. The investigating team studied the treatment and outcome in 500 consecutive cases in which patients had fractured the neck of the femur, the section of the thigh bone that forms part of the hip joint.

The patients were admitted to eight different hospitals in the region, all of which had orthopaedic units accustomed to dealing with major traumatic surgery. The hospitals served the same type of districts and the patients' background,

age, sex and occupations before admission were all very similar. But there the similarity ended: in the first 90 days after surgery, the death rate, depending on the hospital to which the patient had been admitted, varied from 5 to 24 per cent.

At the time of William Windham's accident, surgery was delayed because there was no means of unifying the fracture; his operation was merely to evacuate blood, puss and



debris from the site. Today, although delay costs lives, 245 of the operations were postponed for more than 24 hours; in 192 of these there were no clinical grounds for waiting to operate.

Post-operatively, patients were at risk of suffering wound infections, deep vein thromboses, pulmonary emboli, urinary tract infections, pneumonia and heart attacks. Pre-existing heart disease doubled the death rate. Women did better

than men — being male almost tripled the mortality rate.

The survey showed that no single factor made a difference between life and death. Survival was more likely in those hospitals in which there was a well-bridged drill put into practice by experienced surgeons, supported by skilled nurses and other allied professions.

However, four factors seem to be of great importance: the routine use of anticoagulants which — with the advent of low molecular weight heparin — is now safe, adequate prophylactic antibiotic cover, early mobilisation and early surgery.

While having dinner with an orthopaedic surgeon in Norwich recently, it was reassuring to learn that should I emulate Windham and topple off a ladder, I would have as a matter of routine at my local hospital low molecular weight heparin. Even so, it is worrying to think that, judging from this survey, half of the 55,000 patients admitted to hospital in Britain each year with fractured hips will not be able to count on routine anticoagulants, that 50 per cent will not be persuaded out of bed the day after surgery and that a considerable minority will not be guaranteed necessary surgery within 24 hours of admission.

Given a new breath of life

Labour MP, consultant neurosurgeon and mountaineer, Sam Galbraith has conquered the Elger, the Matterhorn and Mont Blanc. But nothing in his once apparently charmed life could have prepared him for the battle that he now fights every day — staying cheerful, dedicated and motivated after a successful lung transplant that has left him with only 50 per cent of normal lung capacity.

His life now depends on taking drugs to counteract both the possibility of his body rejecting the donated lung, and on top of that, a similar quantity of drugs to counteract the side-effects of the very drugs that prevent rejection.

His annual lung biopsy, carried out two weeks ago, showed no sign of his rejecting the single lung transplant carried out in January 1990. The operation was done when he and his doctors at the Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne, were counting his remaining days in single figures. In 1987 he had developed a rare lung disease, fibrosing alveolitis, in which healthy lungs are overcome by fibrous tissue, eventually leading to lung failure.

The first warning Mr Galbraith got was when he had to return home from a skiing trip in the Cairngorms after what he had first thought was only flu. A course of antibiotics failed to clear the slight pneumonia and a colleague eventually suggested further checks.

Mr Galbraith, 49, MP for Strathkelvin and Bearsden, who has a first-class honours degree and was the top student in medicine in his year at Glasgow University in 1971, is fiercely anti-smoking and has never smoked in his life.

The disease affects only three in every 100,000 people in Britain, and its cause continues to baffle doctors. It is

An MP tells
Aileen Ballantyne
how a lung
transplant saved
him from
certain death



Sam Galbraith: daily battle

not inherited, although in a tiny percentage of all cases there is more than one case in the family. Unluckily, Mr Galbraith's family was among that minority. His sister, Katherine, died in 1990, the year he had his lung transplant. She was 45.

Unlike emphysema, the disease's development is not related to smoking or other pollutants or irritants. Mr Galbraith is one of the first recipients of a lung transplant, and one of a growing number of transplant patients now able to live a normal life. His experience shows that behind the "success" stories we often read about is a lengthy struggle to attain normality.

His most vivid recollection, on returning home at Easter in 1990 after three months spent in the Freeman, is his first

walk to the shops near his home. "I collected my first prescription from the chemist and came out carrying three carrier bags of drugs," he says. "That road had always seemed flat to me, but when I first got out of hospital, even getting up it was a real struggle."

He has gradually built up the stamina and muscle bulk lost through his illness and hospitalisation. He started by pushing the eldest of his three daughters, Mhairi, now aged six, to the shops in her pushchair when she was about a year old.

Since then, the enormous number of drugs has been greatly reduced. At the beginning he was on 15 different types — now there are four. He takes cyclosporin, the immunosuppressant drug which has revolutionised the success of transplantation in recent years. Unlike steroids, cyclosporin does not have to suppress the immune system so radically to prevent the donor organ from being rejected. Nor does it have the severe side-effects such as diabetes and serious high blood pressure produced by steroids.

Every Sunday night Mr Galbraith lays out his week's supply of drugs — cyclosporin and azathioprine, another immunosuppressant. Then there are two more to deal with the effects of the first two: nifedipine, an anti-hypertensive drug, and cotrimoxazole, an antibiotic which he must take for three days every week.

This is the most unpleasant of all, he says, as it causes lethargy and nausea. It is essential, however, because the drugs that depress his immune system render him susceptible to a dangerous, rarely found form of pneumonia, known as pneumocystis carinii.

Since his discharge, his strength has increased greatly and, as well as working the demanding hours of an MP, commuting between a Glasgow constituency and Westminster, he now goes hill walking regularly, both at the



A sports lover, Sam Galbraith, centre, can still take part in a vigorous walk around Glasgow, five years after a lung transplant

Campsie Fells near his home and further afield. He is disappointed, however, about the lung capacity he has, saying it would be fine for someone else to have the other," he says. "That's why it's known as the socialist operation."

He says his recovery from the transplant took about a year and a half. During that time, as an MP, he also won a battle to improve the quality of life for transplant patients in Scotland by helping to persuade the Government to open a heart-and-lung transplant unit in Glasgow. Until then, about one third of the patients at the Freeman came from Scotland. He argued that this meant increased difficulty in the months spent in hospital recovering from a transplant many miles from friends and family, and a greater risk of infection on long journeys

better, friends said, was when his cynicism returned. He shared the anonymous donor's lungs with another person. "A single lung allows someone else to have the other," he says. "That's why it's known as the socialist operation."

The first sign he was getting

back to the hospital for regular check-ups.

Mr Galbraith describes himself as a typical surgeon "type" — arrogant and aggressive. All surgeons are, he says, because if they cannot say "no one else could have done it better", they could not cope when a patient dies after surgery.

He had always believed that doctors carried out too many unnecessary tests — but only

when he became a patient did he fully understand how much this affected the public. While recovering in the Freeman, he said, his heart would sink on hearing the words "another X-ray for Sam", because of the sheer physical effort involved in being wheeled around the hospital, waiting in line, and holding his hands in a particular position in his weakened state. "I always used to think I understood," he says, "but you have to be a patient to understand what we put patients through."

His medical knowledge also meant that he knew only too well what was happening to him at every single stage. From the time he first started going for lung function tests in 1987, he was able to calculate the time of his own death. "I predicted I would die in December 1990. In the event I just made it into January 1991 and

had a lung transplant on January 3."

Like all those on the waiting list for a lung transplant, he had a chance of dying on the waiting list — and about a 50 per cent chance of surviving for five years after his transplant. Beyond five years, doctors at the Freeman say, there are no figures for survival rates for lung transplants because the operation was not pioneered until the late 1980s.

Mr Galbraith knew that the odds were against him and if you ask him what his greatest achievement is, he is in no doubt at all of the answer. "My greatest achievement is that five years after a transplant, I'm still alive."

To me the trivia of life are of no consequence. The only thing that still upsets me now is to see other people being used and abused."

A feeling of fullness in one ear can herald Ménière's disease, writes Dr Kieran Sweeney

Why giddiness should be taken seriously

A constant concern for a GP is the possibility that common symptoms can sometimes indicate rare and serious disease: headache, for example, almost always has a simple explanation, but can be the first symptom of a brain tumour.

A couple of years ago, a 58-year-old man consulted me about an irritating feeling of fullness in one ear. "I probably just need to see a nurse to clear the wax out of my ear," was his view. But ears were free of wax. An audiogram showed only a slight loss of hearing on the affected side, although the significance of this did not become clear until a few weeks later, when he returned to discuss the result.

The fullness remained on one side, he explained, but he had begun to feel a bit unsteady on his feet, sensing at times that the room was slowly rotating. But it was not until several months had passed, and he had reported two or three similar episodes plus the onset of mild tinnitus, that it became clear he had Ménière's disease.

A Frenchman, Prosper Ménière, first described the condition more than 130 years ago, and correctly attributed the problem to a disorder of the inner ear. The primary abnormality is a progressive distension of the endolymphatic system, a delicate part of the inner ear whose main function is to maintain the sense of balance. Fluid builds up in

this space, either because it is over-produced or poorly absorbed, and this gradually damages the hair cells.

When these hair cells malfunction, the individual experiences an acute loss of balance, often accompanied by nausea and vomiting. Early on in the disease, these delicate hair cells can recover from the episodes of raised pressure, but repeated episodes eventually can cause irreversible damage, leaving the most severely affected patients with permanent symptoms.

The loss of hearing is the result of nerve damage in the inner ear. Initially, the patient notices problems with low tones, then high tones and finally all the frequencies are affected.

It is not known exactly how common Ménière's disease is. It appears to be nearly twice as common in parts of the UK as in Sweden or Italy: one study calculated that there were about 200 cases per million population in Northern Ireland. But according to George Browning, Senior Lecturer in ENT at Glasgow University, this may be the result of incorrectly labelling patients with simple



The ear's organ of Corti with, top right, rows of hair cells

episodic dizziness as Ménière's sufferers, when they may lack the other essential three features — hearing loss, tinnitus and fullness in the ear.

There seems to be a curious association between Ménière's and migraine. Writing recently in the *British Journal of Hospital Medicine*, Shakesai Saeed of Manchester Royal Infirmary, commented that the two conditions may co-exist in nearly one third of sufferers. The same foodstuffs that provoke migraine, especially coffee, can also set off an episode of Ménière's. Stress, and the fluid retention noted

by some women premenstrually, are also associated with attacks. Although doctors rely still on an accurate history to make the diagnosis, there is one test which confirms it — electrocochleography. In this test, the affected ear is exposed to a train of noises and the response of the auditory nerves noted on the graph. Ménière's disease produces a characteristically abnormal response pattern.

What can be done to relieve the symptoms? Although a large number of drugs have been tested, few carefully controlled studies have been re-

ported, and only one drug — benzhistine — consistently shows an effect in randomised case controlled studies. This drug probably helps by improving the circulation in the inner ear. Other drugs like prochlorperazine, seem to help to abort acute attacks, and diuretics like frusemide appear useful where the symptoms are associated with fluid retention.

Several different operations are available for the 25 per cent or so of patients whose symptoms are not fully controlled by medication. Decompressing the endolymphatic sac is the most common one and does seem logical, as the problem is excess pressure in this region.

But there is criticism as to the effectiveness of the operation. In the very few patients who fail to gain relief from this procedure, the final surgical step is to remove the labyrinth itself. This is usually undertaken only if the disease is in one ear only.

Recently, the outlook for severely affected patients has been enormously improved by the development of cochlear implants, which are particularly helpful for patients who have both ears affected, and who appear more disabled by the hearing loss than the vertigo.

Fortunately, Ménière's disease usually runs a benign course, with infrequent mild attacks controlled readily — well over 75 per cent of patients remain satisfactorily on simple medication. But what happens in the disease, we still know relatively little about why it occurs.

Dr Sweeney is a GP in Exeter.

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Life without a mother

When the most important person in Hope Edelman's life died young, she lost not only a friend and comforter but also a role model

Hope Edelman was 17 when her mother, aged 42, died of breast cancer. Suddenly, her family, "the most typical in suburban New York", was shattered. Edelman and her younger brother and sister became figures of pity, but also of fear. Her friends were horrified by her loss and avoided her as if she were contagious, "because if it had happened to me, it could happen to them".

A mother's death is treated as taboo. "Even as adults, few women with mothers want to think about mother loss; still fewer want to hear about it," says Edelman, now 30. Unofficial as it is, we expect mothers to be immortal, or at the very least to stay with us until we become mothers ourselves. But about 16,000 women, aged between 25 and 55 die in Britain each year, many of whom will leave children and teenagers behind.

"A woman without a mother feels very alienated," Edelman says. "In our psyche mother represents comfort and security, no matter what our age. Everyone carries into adulthood a fear of being alone and unprovided for and a motherless child symbolises a darker, less fortunate self." "I have friends who say 'this is rubbish. I am not close to my mother, so I am in exactly the same position as you'. But then I ask, 'who would you turn to if you were sick, and they say, 'well, my mother of course. She is the only person we know would drop everything for us'."

Certainly, with my mother still alive, I find Edelman's book, *Motherless Daughters*, unbelievably harrowing. Every page forces me to confront an inevitability I would rather blot out. I feel almost guilty meeting Edelman, tall, dark and beautiful, with a rubber-band mouth, square cheekbones and an air of an American spy.

The book, compiled from hundreds of interviews, was published in America last year and spent 14 weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list. "There had been plenty written about losing a parent, but nothing that was so specific," says Edelman, who believes that, in most cases, a woman is far more devastated by the

death of her mother than of her father.

There are several reasons for this: statistically, we expect men, with a shorter life expectancy, to die first, and there are few homes where a grieving father will be able to offer his children the practical and emotional support that a mother could. Often, the eldest daughter is forced to mother her siblings, causing future resentment on both sides.

More importantly, when a woman loses her mother she loses her same-sex role model. "You have to piece together a feminine identity by yourself," says Edelman. She is mortified if she forgets to write a thank-you letter, convinced it is because her mother didn't live long enough to teach her the rules of society. "Your mother helps plan your wedding; when you have a child she helps."

So motherless daughters tend to develop masculine characteristics. They are often assertive, self-reliant, fairly aggressive, often perceived as intimidating. Edelman says: "You have to be — no one else is going to take care of you."

Even given the shorter life expectancies of the 19th century, Edelman was astonished by how many eminent women's mothers died in childhood or adolescence: the list includes George Eliot, Marie Curie, the Brontë sisters, Gertrude Stein, Dorothy Parker, Virginia Woolf and Dorothy Wordsworth. "Madame" and Oprah Winfrey, the two most powerful women in the American entertainment industry, both grew up without a mother. "These women often turn into very strong, accomplished women. They have an increased sense of determination and motivation, they know life can be very short and they want to accomplish as much as they can."

Edelman, who lives in New York, has travelled widely and made a large circle of friends, everything her mother — who talked about resuming her career as a music teacher when her children left home — was unable to do. It is only recently that she has begun to realise that she may live beyond her mother's 42. "I



Hope Edelman lost her mother at 17. Now 30, she feels socially inept without a same-sex role model to guide her

have always lived for the moment and made no plans for the future. I know it sounds crazy, but most women whose mothers have died young are convinced they will die at the same age. I have no idea how I will act when I am older than 42. I don't know how a woman in her fifties and sixties is meant to behave."

The loss, while most devastating in childhood and adolescence, is overwhelming at any age. "I was amazed at the number of letters I had from women in their sixties, distraught because their mother has died at the age of 85. You

think 'come on' but then you realise they have known nothing else for 60 years. I only had 17," says Edelman. "The death doesn't incapacitate them, but most of them say they think about their mothers every day and never stop mourning."

It is an unusual family that copes with a mother's death. Edelman's tried to carry on as if nothing had happened. Her father retreated into a shell, refused to talk to his children and 14 years later still has his wife's clothes hanging in a wardrobe. Edelman cried once, at the funeral, and then held her tears for seven years,

until she realised that only proper grieving would help her to recover.

Despite the scars, she does stress that few motherless daughters grow up social or emotional cripples. "They have some problems with relationships: they are always seeking to replace the intimacy they lost, yet at the same time they are convinced that the person they love will be snatched away from them without warning." Many of them are also frightened of starting their own family: "Quite unrealistically, they are convinced they will have to

abandon their children in the same way, and if their mother died when they were very young they will tend to have an idealised memory of her which they are sure they will never be able to live up to."

Virginia Woolf wrote: "Youth and death shed a halo through which it was difficult to see a real face." But most of the women Edelman talked to were in secure relationships, and childbirth often acted as a catalyst to recovery, a realisation of the power of regeneration.

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Why I buy by telephone

My shopping secrets

I HAD always assumed that the success of those sex-and-shopping novels was due to the frequency and fervour of the bonking in them: now I know that the penning and thrusting is only incidental. It's the other thing they're after.

For reasons which you really don't want to know about, various of my colleagues in the print decided last week that my shopping habits were the sort of news that would grip their readers. I would hardly mention it here were it not for the fact that how I buy my household goods — down the telephone, mainly — seems to have struck a chord with so many people. Everyone has been asking me about it: my answering machine is plangent with requests for the telephone number of the particular service. (0181 361 4040, if you're interested.)

There are very simple reasons why I make as many purchases as possible down the telephone. It's not because I feel I'm too grand to put in a personal appearance at Sainsbury's, but because if you work and have a baby, the time you're not working you want to be with the baby. And really, anyone who can avoid tramping up and down the supermarket aisles with a child in tow would want to do it.

Well, that's my justification, but why should any one wish to avoid what they don't like doing, if there's a more efficient and less painful way of getting the same job done? We are just so puritanical: we want everyone to suffer for their gains. Doing anything which adds to the comfort and ease of life strikes some people as positively sinful.

Of course, extravagance shocks the hard-up, but by my reckoning, I actually spend less phoning for what I need. For one thing, Nappy Express, which I use — and for considerably more than nappies — doesn't charge for delivery. There is a premium on some goods, but others seem to cost less than the supermarkets charge. Certainly none of the

delivery companies charge the exorbitant prices pulled from thin air by those homely corner shops, and if it had been discovered that I shop at the All-Nite Quickie Sava Mart nobody would have thought it worth mentioning.

Not, of course, that I go in for obsessive, Which? reading price comparison, because the one thing I know about supermarket prices is that however low they are, they're still part of the unacknowledged scam that is supermarket shopping. They're not about helping you save money: they're about making you spend it.

There are those, I understand, who lock themselves in the larder and compose a shopping list which they stick to, regardless of the loss-leaders and the never-to-be-repeated, two-for-one offers which tempt them from the aisles. I only have to be in a supermarket for five seconds before I turn into one of those peasants from Omsk, just arrived in the

West and telling the cameras how liberty is being able to choose between 27 varieties of shoe polish. I can't buy one lot of something without working out that if I need one, then I'll need another, so if another, why not another one still. I begin to feel the boarding instinct come upon me, and by the time I've made it to the checkout, that's a month's salary blown on goods whose use-by date will come and go before I get round to finding them at the back of the fridge.

Nor am I alone here: this is what supermarkets bank on, literally. Above all, though, I like proper food too much to want to buy it all en bloc. The heavy stuff I phone in, and then I can enjoy rolling around the neighbourhood with a basket and time to chat to the butcher (although I admit I am no stranger to Marks & Spencer). If the news-starved press wants to point to my luxurious lifestyle they should know that my advantage over most working mothers is not that I have more money but that I have more time.

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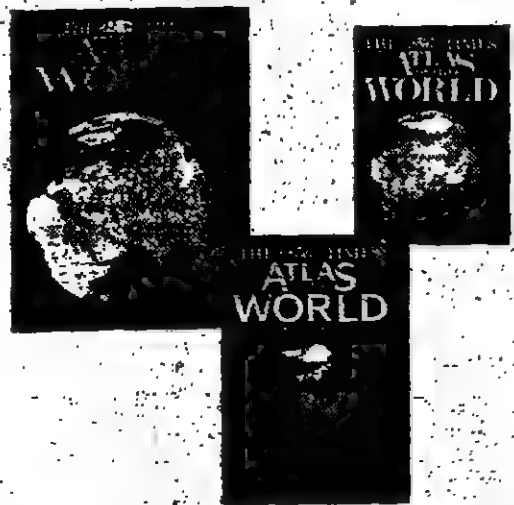
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New light has been shed on one of the last war's most controversial defeats, reports Magnus Linklater

Did Churchill sacrifice the gallant Scots?

The largest event to mark VE-Day outside London, and perhaps the most poignant of all, will be held in Perth on May 13. The city, which is still the headquarters of the 51st Highland Brigade, will play host to thousands of Second World War veterans and cadets, to the massed pipes and drums of all the Scottish regiments, to relatives, friends and dignitaries from all over the country as well as abroad. On the North Inch, alongside the River Tay, a memorial showing a Scottish soldier being handed a flower by a little girl, as a token of gratitude for the liberation of Europe, will be unveiled.

The service held on that day will be commemorating not just the sacrifice of almost 60,000 Scots who died in the course of the war, but the battle which remains one of the great heroic defeats in the defence of Europe: the last stand of the 51st Division under General Victor Fortune at St Valéry-en-Caux in June 1940, as the British Expeditionary Force was evacuated from Dunkirk.

It is also one of the most controversial episodes of the last war. Up to a thousand soldiers died, and more than 8,000 were taken prisoner when they were trapped, along with the French Army Corps, by the advancing German forces under General Erwin Rommel. The news that the cherished Highland Division had been overpowered was greeted at home with stunned disbelief.

There are still many around who believe it should never have been

allowed to happen. The agonising decision by General Fortune to surrender to Rommel after 12 days of remorseless combat and with ammunition down to just a few rounds, has been endlessly debated ever since, most recently after publication of new evidence that Churchill sacrificed the division against the advice of some of his generals in the hope of persuading the French to fight on in the Battle of France.

This argument, advanced in Saul David's well researched history of the battle, claims that Churchill, faced with the conflicting demands of the French for more fighter planes and the desperate position of the 51st, withheld the air support that might have allowed them to be evacuated. As a result, Fortune eventually had no alternative but to lay down his arms. The decision was undoubtedly the right one, and as some historians have pointed out, Fortune did manage to evacuate 5,000 of his troops via Le Havre before the final surrender. But for many years Fortune was not forgiven by those who found the shame of surrender too much to bear.

The years, however, have done much to salvage his reputation. There is little doubt that had it not been for the way in which the division held off the Germans for more than a month as they retreated from Abbeville to St Valéry, the retreat from Dunkirk would have been very different.

Perhaps the highest tribute came from one Frenchman who fought alongside the Scots — General de



General Fortune alongside Rommel in 1940 as his division surrendered at St Valéry-en-Caux

Gaulle. Visiting Edinburgh in 1942, he said that the bravery of the 51st had played a large part in persuading him to fight on.

"For my part," said the General, "I can say that the comradeship in arms sealed on the battlefield of Abbeville in May-June 1940 between the French Armoured Division, which I had the honour to command, and the gallant 51st Scottish Division under General Fortune, played its part in the decision which I made to continue the fight at the side of the Allies to the end, come what may..." Both he and the 51st were vindicated when the reborn division avenged its predecessor and liberated St Valéry in 1944.

One of the survivors of St Valéry will be giving the main address in

Perth next month. He is General Sir Derek Lang, former GOC of the 51st, whose remarkable escape after the battle is itself one of the more inspiring stories of the last war. Now aged 82, he intends to emphasise not just the battles of the last war, but the recognition of the peace which they secured.

In September last year he took part in the events held at Nijmegen to commemorate the German surrender. He recalls that the abiding gratitude of the local citizens 50 years after the event was overwhelming, and he still cherishes a scribbled note handed to him by a group of schoolchildren: "There are no words for what you have done for us so we can only say to you THANK YOU!"

Whether the General will also reflect that one of the dividends of peace has been the loss of many of the most famous regiments who fought at St Valéry is another matter. Names like the Seaforths, Cameron Highlanders, Gordons, and Argylls now evoke only nostalgic memories. But being an officer and a gentleman, he will doubtless suppress all that and pay tribute instead to the men and women whose sacrifice in the darkest days of the war guaranteed 50 years of peace.

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Railway policy must change, writes Magnus Linklater

Timothy Garton Ash on the deep misunderstandings between Britain and Germany which detract from the two nations' common interests

Germany directly, and Britain's relations with Germany.

Top of the list of urgent common interests are not further steps of economic or social integration, nor the premature, divisive and risky adventure of European monetary union. Top of the list is the enlargement of the Europe of EU and Nato to at least some of those parts of Europe where this can make the difference between war and peace. This enlargement necessarily requires political reforms, to ensure that an EU of 20 and more states can function.

As important is the closer coordination of foreign and defence policies, especially to respond to unpredictable developments in the still more explosive parts of our European neighbourhood, such as North Africa, the former Yugoslavia and the former Soviet Union.

The basic reason we need the EU and Nato is not to make our countries richer or more powerful, but to try to save Europe from still — both the wars that Europe is still capable of generating, and from the wars that threaten from the dangerous world around.

This article is adapted from the author's closing address to the Königswinter conference.

There comes an awful stage when a government becomes shackled to a political decision so unpopular that any advantages it may once have had are buried in a mudslide of hostility and recrimination. Every instinct suggests it should be abandoned, yet to do so seems even more damaging than to persist. Evidence against it, however convincing, is dismissed out of hand. Bluster becomes the order of the day.

It happened with the poll tax. And now it is happening with rail privatisation. But there is a difference. In this case, the Government is not actually defending the decisions which are being taken in its name. It has retreated behind the network of institutions which have been set up to operate the railways and selling off. They are deemed to have a free hand, however disastrous the consequences.

Professors are determined to keep the promise of "consultation" before final decisions are reached. But what if that consultation is revealed as a sham, the evidence is simply ignored. What is happening is this. British Rail is beginning to run down its subsidised services, particularly in Scotland. In the knowledge that it has to hand over the most cost-efficient network possible to the agents of a privatised system. The director of rail franchising, whose job it is to decide which services must be included in the privatisation, goes along with this, approving some cuts, while at the same time assuring users that they will be made in the end. That consultation, however, will be held only after the services are dropped, some of them next month. By the time the process is completed later this year, they will be distant memories.

Other organisations meant to protect the passengers stand by apparently mesmerised. The Department of Transport says the decisions are "a long way from being made". The Railways director, the Rail regulator, who is appointed by the Government but supposedly independent, objects to the cuts but seems powerless to prevent them. British Rail asserts that no final decisions have been taken, and the services can be reinstated "at a date, to be decided". The Rail Users' Committee protests but is shunted down. The Office of Passenger Rail Franchising refuses to intervene. The Transport Secretary Brian Mawhinney produces the kind of sophistry that leave a bad taste in the mouth: "Privatisation", he says, "moves forward with the passenger firmly in mind".

In Scotland, the principal sufferers will be rural dwellers and those who make a living from tourism, which is the Highlands' only hope of maintaining a fragile economy. This should be one of Scotland's great industries, exploiting an asset of nature beauty unequalled in Europe. Instead, the rail travel which makes it possible is derided as subsidised transport for walkers and stalkers, a metropolitan view deeply resented in the north.

It is not just the sleeper services from London that are being axed: so is everything that makes rail travel a delight: Motorail services, steam trips from Fort William to Mallaig, tourist explorer trains to the Highlands, the observation car on the *West Highland line* (one of the marvels of modern rail travel), restaurant cars. Tourist offices abroad would give their eye teeth for these. So might a privatised system. British Rail instead has been encouraged to run them down and allow them to die from neglect.

Squalid subterfuge has also been adopted. British Rail has taken to running 'ghost' trains at night along some stretches of line so as to avoid statutory closure procedures. Already 200 rail jobs have been secretly cut. Phoney figures are 'leaked' — and belied — by the various commentators — about the horrendous expense. A subsidy of £433 million for instance, has been quoted for the West Highland sleeper service. This is nonsense. The real figure is a tenth of this, and of course if the service were properly promoted, even this subsidy might become unnecessary. The better the service, the more popular it becomes.

Now at last the law is being used to challenge the whole strategy. Highland Regional Council has been told it has a legal case to prevent any of the cuts from taking place without full consultation. Given the Government's poor record when challenged in the courts, I would say the council has a strong chance of winning. But the fact that expensive legal proceedings are necessary to uphold common sense and decency shows how dislocated from reality this privatisation has become. It is universally disliked. And it is a gesture of contempt towards the Highlands.

Some years ago, a civil servant under Mrs Thatcher, contemplating the cost of Highland subsidies, asked jekingly: 'Why do we need people in the Highlands at all?' It was quite a bad joke then, it sticks in the throat now.

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"I won it for not turning up"



IT WILL NOT be the most patriotic of St George's Days next Sunday at Stockton parish church, County Durham. The local vicar, the Rev David Whittington, has hired 200 musicians to blast out the French national anthem and cock a snook at the Euro-sceptics.

La Marseillaise will be the high-

NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF is to park his tanks on the Duke of Northumberland's lawn. Stormin' Norman has thrown his considerable weight behind a scheme for a Gulf War weaponry display at the Royal Fusiliers Museum at the Duke's seat, Alnwick Castle.

Charles Baker Cresswell, 60, chairman of the museum and deputy commander of Northumberland, wrote to the Gulf commander for his assistance. "We provided ground-to-ground anti-tank missiles and hopes to come for the opening," he says. "I am glad to say he overlooked the late differences between the Fusiliers and America at Bunker Hill, in 1775."

CHRIST CHURCH, Oxford, has become embroiled in an unseemly squabble over an anniversary service planned to celebrate the

THE tranquillity of the heather and haggis beat of an unassuming PC has been upset by a new TV series. BBC1's *Hamish Macbeth*, about a maverick copper in a rural community, has gone down none too well with PC Finlay MacBeath.

First there is the fact that MacBeath is pronounced Macbeth, and Finlay's more ribald colleagues have had a field day. But there is also the TV character's unorthodox method of catching criminals. In



the series, he has helped poachers, smoked cannabis and become involved in an illegal whisky deal. PC MacBeath went to school in the west coast seaside village of Plockton, where the series was filmed. He is reportedly seeking legal advice through the Police Federation, but the BBC is anxious to smooth ruffled feathers: "Hamish Macbeth is fictional, not based on anyone in particular." The real MacBeath was unavailable for comment.

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TURBULENT TEACHERS

Professionals should set an example of professionalism

It must be that time of year again. With the daffodils comes Easter to lift the spirits and the round of teachers' conferences to lower them again. The spectacle of men and women from a professional stratum of society parading arguments that would disgrace their classrooms, and behaviour that would earn them detention or expulsion, is peculiarly distasteful. Teachers, of all people, must set an example — and the example that many set over the weekend should be kept at all costs from their pupils.

The intimidation and harricading of David Blunkett, Shadow Education Secretary, who acted thus to a teacher could hope to remain in a school. But, if these were the acts of a small minority, the conference floor still set standards that pupils would be ill advised to emulate. The National Union of Teachers' moderate executive wanted members to co-operate with tests this year. The members themselves had voted in a ballot to do so by a huge margin. But the conference defeated the executive and called for a boycott. Few left-wing delegates who supported the boycott even attempted to justify their disdain for democracy.

As John Cox, a member of the executive, said yesterday: "There are times when you believe in something passionately, but the majority of your members feel differently. It's called losing the argument." Unfortunately, this is a lesson that many of the teachers assembled in Blackpool have not learnt. There is a much more militant mood at this year's conference than there has been for some time. The left seems to have marshalled its troops more effectively than the moderates, and has ensured the election of delegates who are quite unrepresentative of the wider membership.

The result is that the delegates have not just defeated the executive; they are also in danger of defeating their own cause. Just as teachers have finally managed to persuade parents and governors to join forces against the Government on class sizes, the NUT looks like voting for strike action: the very policy that is most likely to alienate its new allies. Neither parents nor governors will support any action — whether it be strikes or sending children home from school — that deprives pupils of their education.

But if teachers keep the coalition going, there is every chance that governors will engage in creative accounting that will tide their schools over until more money comes in next year, thus avoiding the need to make teachers redundant. And the extra money is much more likely to come in next year if parents and governors, many of whom are natural Tory supporters, continue to make life difficult for the Government. Militant teachers' can be seen off — model Conservative citizens are another matter.

After the conference's treatment of Mr Blunkett, the NUT risks having no important allies left. For too long, teachers have won protection from Labour for their untenable view that bad schools could never be blamed on bad teachers. Now that the Opposition has at last seen sense, the teaching unions are more isolated than ever. No parent, no governor, no pupil — and now no senior politician — believes that bad teachers should be immune from the sanctions that are applied to other people who fail at their jobs. Children who have a poor education suffer for the rest of their lives. Teachers — who consider themselves professionals — should not tolerate anything less than professional standards. And they should put the interests of their pupils first.

MODERN VICTORIANS

Good advice from a distinguished conservative thinker

In the last two years, the question of moral responsibility has edged closer to the heart of political discourse. The revived interest in the relationship between public policy and civic virtue has been widely evident in the speeches of Michael Portillo and Tony Blair, the writings of David Selbourne and the Chief Rabbi, and — less successfully — John Major's ill-fated "back to basics" campaign. Today the Institute of Economic Affairs publishes an important contribution to this debate by the philosopher, historian and conservative thinker, Professor Himmelfarb.

Professor Himmelfarb's book, *The De-moralisation of Society: From Victorian Virtues to Modern Values* has already been well-received in the United States. Its publication in this country strengthens the transatlantic dialogue which has arisen between British and American thinkers on the future of civic society. Like her husband, Irving Kristol, Professor Himmelfarb has played an important part in the reassessment of America's welfare policies and of the intellectual fads which have gripped its campuses. In her new book, she offers a historian's assessment of the current debate on the ties that bind communities.

The modern attack upon "Victorian values", she argues, reflects both a misunderstanding of the Victorian era and a resistance to the very concept of traditional morality. When Margaret Thatcher announced her championship of these values in 1983, Neil Kinnock accused her of supporting "cruelty, misery, drudgery, squalor, and ignorance". It is true that the Victorian age was victim to these problems as, in its own way, is our own. But, as Professor Himmelfarb shows, there was another side

to that period in our history. In England between 1857 and 1901, for instance, the rate of indictable offences decreased from about 480 per 100,000 population to 250; there was also a decline in births out of wedlock. In the rhetoric of public life, philanthropy, civility and charity were cherished — though charity was regarded, in the words of one secretary of the Charity Organisation Society, as "a social regenerator... to create the power of self-help" rather than a route to dependency. This was no golden age. Nor, however, was it the dark age of popular imagination.

Professor Himmelfarb's purpose is more subtle than the historical rehabilitation of the Victorian era. "If the past cannot — and should not — be replicated," she writes, "it can serve to put the present in better perspective." The modern recoil from "Victorian values" reflects a recoil from moral judgment of any kind. Professor Himmelfarb suggests, indeed, that our use of the word "value" in preference to "the word 'virtue' is sloppy, reflecting the pernicious belief that moral guidelines are merely conventional: 'whatever any individual group, or society happens to value, at any time, for any reason'."

The Victorians spoke unashamedly of virtue: decency, thrift, hard work and dignity. Underpinning Professor Himmelfarb's analysis is a belief that such moral standards have a vital part to play in our own response to social breakdown and deprivation. This is a bold argument. Yet there are tentative signs in the themes adopted by church leaders and politicians that this process may be beginning and that fashionable relativism has had its day.

TRIPPERS' CATCH-22

Managing tourism is a proper part of conserving the heritage

Within this generation tourism has grown from an elite extravagance into mass industry. Package tours and nose-to-tail coachloads follow the routes where once the solitary traveller rode on the Grand Tour. Jumbo cruises of the air and ocean convey thousands for a few hours to a medieval town built for hundreds, before carrying them off to tick off and click off on camera the next stop on their hasty itineraries. Over the Easter holiday the series of articles in *The Times* about the modern tourist trap has illustrated this change, which is as fundamental as the introduction of factory farming or the industrial revolution.

The former urbanities of Oxford Street and Princes Street have been vulgarised with architectural boxes flogging tarts and Cockney trinkets. Stonehenge, 30 years ago a primeval rockery in a lonely meadow, has become a traffic jam. Many natives think that the tourist industry is destroying the very things that attract the tourists.

Such resistance to social change is misguided as well as doomed to failure. The growth of mass tourism is an economic as well as a democratic good. Britain has become the world's sixth largest tourist destination. Last year a record 20.6 million holidaymakers came here and spent £9.8 billion, more than most other invisible earnings. The tourism industry creates 15 million jobs in the United Kingdom. These million jobs in the United Kingdom. These million jobs come for our vaunted national heritage.

But tourism is what economists' jargon describes as a positional good. The tourist attractions of this comparatively small island remain in fixed supply while the

tourists coming to visit them are predicted to double in number over the next decade. To prevent tourism destroying what it comes to enjoy, this new industry needs more imaginative direction and marketing.

Conservation and the huge new tourist industry must learn to work together rather than against each other. *Loisirs-faire le tour* can no longer cope. Traffic can be banned in congested city areas as it has been in York and Cambridge, and should be in Soho. But to stop tourism would be impossible as well as misguided. As for other positional goods, realistic pricing will ration access to most popular places. The tourist season continually extends so that it is becoming "de-seasonalised". Tourists must be steered away from the obvious "honeypot" areas and encouraged to be more adventurous. Popular tourist sites, such as the great cathedrals and colleges, are learning to provide good value for mass trippers with modern information technology without letting the crowds destroy the heritage. Natives must be educated in the importance of tourism to their livelihoods.

Britain lives by tourism, which has become a key part of its industry and invisible exports. The first historian of Britain wrote of London as a great resort for tourists from many nations coming to it by land and sea. So it is still. But in the new world of mass tourism, new techniques of managing and shepherding tourists as well as giving them value for money are needed. And away from the tourist trails there is still plenty of wilderness for those who want it. Managing the tourist explosion is a necessity which the British should be good at.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Proposals to introduce conditional fees for lawyers

From Lord Donaldson of Lynton

Sir, Inspired by your leader, "The advocate's devil" (April 10), concerning conditional fees for lawyers, I asked a doctor friend if he would treat me on the basis of "double or quits" — double fees if he cured me, nothing if he did not.

He would have none of it. As he pointed out, he knew what were the chances of curing me. I did not. He could not conscientiously pick and choose — "double or quits" if I was a good bet and an ordinary fee if I was not.

Lawyers should be no different. Indeed there is a stronger case against "double or quits" in the case of lawyers. They owe a duty to the law and justice which in some circumstances overrides their duty to their clients. "Double or quits" means that if they are to discharge this overriding duty they may have to forfeit any fee. To their credit many may do so, but some assuredly will not.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN DONALDSON
(Master of the Rolls, 1982-92,
House of Lords,
April 10)

From Mr J. M. Ingleby

Sir, Your editorial advocates two consequences of conditional fees which make me recoil. To "make litigation easier for the middle class" and "to tempt lawyers to take on cases in which the client is less certain of victory" would add to the growing "mind your backside" paralysis which now pervades British business, not to mention the extra burden it would place on the already congested courts.

Speedier court hearings and the reduction of lawyers' fees to the level charged by lesser mortals might provide a better route to accessibility than the encouragement of yet more litigation.

Yours faithfully,
J. M. INGLEBY,
Malling, Port of Menzies, Stirling.

From Mr J. R. Pope

Sir, The wife of an American colleague of mine went to meet him off a plane at

Boston airport. On the way she was hit head-on by two old ladies travelling the wrong way on a divided highway. After the crash the positions of the cars gave no proof of who had been travelling in which direction, but the itineraries of the parties made it clear enough for the insurance companies to have reached an agreed conclusion, I am sure.

However, lawyers persuaded the old ladies, in hospital, to sue my colleague and his wife for \$250,000 (some 20 years ago) on a "no win, no fee" basis. A clinching defence was only achieved by the defence lawyers finding (and this approaches the miraculous) a long-distance truck driver from Florida who had travelled alongside the old ladies for some way, the other side of the divide, trying to attract their attention to their error.

Much money was spent on this opportunistic, speculative action and much stress imposed.

Your support for the Lord Chancellor's proposal is surely misguided.

Yours,
JOHN POPE,
Cromwell House,
Court Street, Tisbury, Wiltshire,
April 10.

From Mr A. Crabbe

Sir, Members of the legal profession might like to consider this suggestion: that in the event that no viable case exists, a client should be immediately so advised and thus avoid the risk of inflated legal fees.

Honourable legal practitioners already operating a "no win, no fee" service do so only when they see a case with a fair chance of success. To add further value to this service the fee is based on the damages awarded to the successful applicant and is seldom more than 50 per cent of those damages.

It should therefore be impossible for a litigant to find that the result of such a case is "negative equity".

Yours faithfully,
A. CRABBE,
Crabbe's Legal Consultancy,
Little Lodge, Hensting Lane,
Owsbury, Winchester, Hampshire,
April 10.

Patients who remain awake during surgical operations

From Dr Michael Wang and Dr Ian R. Russell

Sir, We agree with Professor J. Gareth Jones's view (letter, April 8) that the statement that "half of all surgery patients may be awake during their operation..." (report, April 5) may be "unecessarily alarmist", particularly with regard to contemporary British anaesthetic practice.

It remains the case, however, that many patients may pass through various planes of consciousness during the course of a general anaesthetic and that the average anaesthetist will be oblivious of this, largely because of the masking effects of the paralyzing muscle relaxant.

We argue that the prevailing criterion of adequate anaesthesia, that of the absence of post-operative recall, is just not good enough, for at least three reasons:

1. For the relatively uncommon but unfortunate patient who has had awareness, pain and distress with subsequent recall, it is too late to improve their experience.
2. It is possible to have pain and distress yet no subsequent recall: in our view the absence of recall does not make this situation ethically acceptable.

Planning consent

From Mrs M. A. Marten

Sir, District councils have the power to grant themselves planning permission for projects on land which they have acquired for quite different purposes, without any right of appeal by those adversely affected.

In the early 1980s East Dorset District Council bought the freehold of a paper mill in the parish of Witchampton to facilitate a worker-management buy-out of the business. This in turn has now ceased trading.

Without local consultation, even with the parish council, the site was offered for housing development. This was contrary to the district council's own planning policy and the lip-service it has paid to conservation within an area of outstanding natural beauty.

The site straddles a river and would form a separate enclave of suburban-type homes detached from a village. Yet the right type of village development in the right place would be welcomed.

A group representing local villages has proposed and obtained planning permission for a compromise scheme which will permit the council to reclaim much of its outlay and at the same time create a conservation area managed by a charitable trust which will benefit the whole district. Only the determination of some councillors to maximise the council's profit from the site stands in the way of this solution.

Lacking the objectivity of an appeal procedure, local democracy can thus become local dictatorship, and a woe precedent is set for future development within areas of outstanding natural beauty.

Yours faithfully,
MARY ANNA MARTEN,
Cribbel House,
Cribbel,
Wimborne, Dorset,
April 13.

3. We do not understand the psychological consequences of awareness (with or without distress) without subsequent recall. Professor Jones states that "many anaesthetists would regard this state as ideal for surgery and certainly not a ticket for the psychiatrist's couch". With all due respect, this is supposition rather than empirically established fact: the relevant research simply has not been done.

Yours faithfully,
M. WANG
(Clinical Director,
Department of Psychology,
University of Hull,
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Hull HU6 7RX.

From Professor T. E. J. Healy and Dr C. J. D. Pomfret

Sir, The prospect of awakening during surgery is frightening but this can be avoided by an alert anaesthetist using appropriate anaesthetic dosage. Modern anaesthesia is a balance between maintaining patient safety, facilitating surgery, and providing a rapid recovery. Rapid recovery from anaesthesia has been an important factor, making possible a major expansion in day-case surgery.

For a very small proportion of seriously ill patients the difference between inadequate and excess dosage can be difficult to determine. The use of a tourniquet to protect a forearm from the paralyzing drugs in the rest of the body so that the patient may signal awareness has been shown to be ineffective. Subjective monitoring described by Drs Wang and Russell provides neither a diagnosis nor a solution. The suggestion that half of patients may be awake during surgery is not only frightening, it is wrong.

Yours faithfully,
T. E. J. HEALY,
C. J. D. POMFRET,
Manchester Royal Infirmary,
Department of Anaesthesia,
Oxford Road, Manchester 13.

Having spent the war in London, through the Blitz, the V1 "doodlebugs" and the V2 rockets, I neither saw nor heard of any looting, and people did all pull together, remaining remarkably cheerful.

The reason why the politicians fell to "squabbling" at the end of the war was because Churchill ended the wartime coalition to fight an election on normal party lines.

There may have been an increase in crime, divorce and illegitimate births during the war, but they were still only a fraction of present-day figures. What excuse can people offer now?

Yours faithfully,
SYLVIA DISLEY,
Hampton House,
Upper Sunbury Road,
Hampton, Middlesex,
April 8.

Smokers' rights

From Mrs Marjorie Nicholson

Sir, I am surprised that Paul Hooper (letter, April 12) should claim that a supporter of Forest had declared on a train that he "had a right to smoke wherever he wanted".

We have never argued that people should be allowed to smoke wherever and whenever they wished. Indeed, we have been in the forefront of the campaign for designated smoking and non-smoking areas, so that everyone can have a choice.

If the incident did occur as Mr Hooper describes, then perhaps it is indicative of the fact that there is a genuine demand for designated smoking areas which the rail authorities are trying to ignore.

Yours faithfully,
MARJORIE NICHOLSON
(Campaign Manager),
FOREST (Freedom Organisation for the Right to Enjoy Smoking Tobacco),
2 Grosvenor Gardens, SW1.

Temporary status of Bosnia refugees

From Lord Dubs, Chief Executive of the Refugee Council

Sir, We are concerned that the father and four-year-old sister of Irma Hadzimirajovic are being put through additional pain and uncertainty due to the temporary nature of their status in the UK (report, April 10).

Irma — who sadly died in London on April 1, aged seven — and her family were brought here as medical evacuees and incorporated into a programme funded by the Home Office called the Bosnia Project.

The project was set up in 1992, when the Home Office asked the Refugee Council and the British Red Cross to receive and settle 1,000 Bosnians and their families. We were later joined by the Scottish Refugee Council, Refugee Action and Refugee Housing.

Bosnians on the project are only given a temporary status which must be renewed yearly. As a result, the families have no certainty regarding whether they will be allowed to stay or will be sent back to their war-torn country. For people who have already suffered such enormous trauma, this lack of security can be devastating.

Other Bosnians in the UK, who are not on the programme, are part of the normal asylum process. Consequently, some are being granted exceptional leave to remain or, in rare instances, full refugee status. Even this small degree of stability enables them to plan for the future, enrol in school, gain further qualifications or even simply furnish a flat.

Bosnians on the project do not have this amount of stability. The Refugee Council believes that their status must be made more secure, particularly in the light of the fact that there is no end to the war in sight. They must be allowed to begin rebuilding their lives in an atmosphere of safety and security, where they do not wait in fear of receiving a removal letter from the Home Office.

The Home Office should not use Irma's tragic death as a pretext for removing her father and sister. Surely, they and many other Bosnians have suffered enough.

Yours sincerely,
ALF DUBS,
Chief Executive,
The Refugee Council,
3 Bondway, SW8,
April 12.

Vietnam's Catholics

From Mr Hamish M. Carlisle

Sir, I read with interest the conclusion of today's editorial, namely that: "We can only congratulate the Vatican on its luck in never having had [Robert] McNamara as Pope." The reverse scenario also intrigues me, ie, if the USA had had John Paul II as Secretary of Defence.

Apart from the more outlandish possibilities of this thesis (unconfirmed sightings of Dr Paisley on the Ho Chi Minh trail perhaps), one serious thought occurs to me.

Much of the misunderstanding of successive American Administrations on the subject of Vietnam was due to the notion that a small and vocal Vietnamese Catholic minority might serve as the core of a future democratic government of the country.

In practice the Buddhist majority seem to have viewed the Roman Catholics as French lackeys and traitors to the nation, thus disqualifying them from leading the country anywhere. Having the Pope as Secretary of Defence could only have exacerbated this situation, so on balance we were probably better off with McNamara.

Yours faithfully,
H. M. CARLISLE,
5 Warbeck Road, W12,
April 11.

Fat comfort

From Mr Leeson M. James

Sir, I wholeheartedly agree with Bernard Levin ("Eat, drink and be healthy," April 11). The wowers increase my annoyance by constantly making U-turns. I have been told, in the past, to "go to work on an egg" and "Drink a pint of milk a day"; advice that I assumed was based on sound nutritional research. I am now told that if I follow that advice I am likely to go to an early grave, with my arteries clogged with cholesterol.

Yours faithfully,
LEEYSON M. JAMES,
40 Alexandra Road,
Chandlers Ford,
Eastleigh, Hampshire,
April 12.

Sweet nothings

From Mr Robert Vincent

Sir, One wonders just how many of those telephone calls omitting the extra digit "1" and connected to a recorded announcement will have been made deliberately today.

If BT chooses to supply such an attractive voice telling us that we shouldn't, and for free, then there must be quite a few of us who call up just to listen to her as an antidote to a whole string of numbers from that stern android on the "1471" Call Return service.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT VINCENT,
Dilly House,
Wildern, Andover, Hampshire,
April 16.

Single currency

From Mr Peter W. Watson

Sir, Mr Hannes Kleinsch (letter, April 13) cites currency used during the German Empire as having both Imperial and local territorial markings. Let no one imagine that a similar solution, if applied to the ecu, would obviate objection to the new Euro-currency.

Discussion of whether or not the British monarch's head will be "allowed" on the new currency is a red herring. It would matter little if Mickey Mouse appeared on it, given that all fiscal and monetary policy would be in the hands of unelected and unaccountable foreign nationals and elitist bankers.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
P. W. WATSON,
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KEITH GLENNAN

Cuban exiles in the United States, however, made no mention of a landing in Las Villas but reported that forces had gone ashore in Oriente province, in the south-east, and Pinar Del Rio province, in the extreme west. The intention, apparently was to join up with any other Cubans who were prepared to join the fight against Dr. Castro.

One rebel organization here claimed that some 5,000 invaders would be in Cuba by tomorrow, but the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Rusk, said in Washington that his reports were that the invasion was not on a large scale.

It was from Guatemala that Dr. Castro said, came the three aircraft which attacked Cuban airfields on Saturday, when he denied that the pilots had defected from the Cuban Air Force. The argument about the source of these air attackers has still not been satisfactorily resolved, but has been dwarfed by today's more spectacular events in the island.

The Guatemalan Government has issued a denial that any of the invaders came from Guatemala.

NEWS

300 safe after catamaran hits rock

Marine safety inspectors launched an investigation after 300 passengers aboard a catamaran ferry were forced to jump for their lives into rafts when the vessel began taking on water a few hundred yards off the Jersey coast in a Force 4 wind.

The *St. Malo*, which sails between Brittany and the Channel Islands and is operated by the French company Channiland, sent out a mayday message at 10am after being holed on rocks and in danger of sinking. Pages 1, 3

Our Man in Madrid feels the heat

In an extremely uncommon rebuke from one ally to another, David Brighty, Her Majesty's Ambassador to Spain, was called from his residence to the Foreign Ministry in Madrid for a dressing down over Whitehall's support for Canada in the transatlantic fishing war. Pages 1, 7

Situation normal

Deserted beaches, clear roads and abandoned barbecues marked a return to traditional Bank Holiday weather as the Easter weekend ended in cold winds and rain. Page 1

Warning to teachers

Parents and governors said that increasingly militant teachers would forfeit their support if campaigns over class sizes led to industrial action. Page 1

A nation divided

The gap between rich and poor in the United States is greater than in any other industrialised country, according to research that undermines America's mythical self-image as an egalitarian "classless society". Page 1

Union agrees action

Leaders of the second biggest teaching union agreed a flexible strategy of industrial action against large classes that aims to avoid strikes. Page 2

Pornography ban

Computer users at the Lord Louis Library in Newport, Isle of Wight, are to be asked to sign an undertaking not to use the Internet for pornography. Page 4

Safety fears aired

Public fear of the mentally ill has risen because of the Government's policy of closing long-stay psychiatric hospitals, a survey suggests. Page 4

Sacked executive challenges earl

The Earl of Shelburne, former president of the Historic Houses Association and a close friend of the Prince of Wales, faces a claim of unfair dismissal on Thursday from the woman he appointed to run a multimillion-pound golf course on his estate at Bowood, Wiltshire. Sally-Jane Coope, 51, was dismissed as chief executive last June. Page 3



Umbrellas and equanimity were the order of the Bank Holiday as high winds and waves battered the seafront at Scarborough

BUSINESS

Acquisitive action: Fisons is in takeover talks with rival drugs group Medeva. City analysts say the pharmaceutical company could fetch £900 million. Page 40

Currency struggles: The dollar remained weak against the yen in New York as the Clinton Administration stepped up its confrontation with Japan over the Japanese trade surplus. Page 40

Customer complaints: Two in every ten bank and building society current account holders are dissatisfied, according to a survey by Abbey National. Page 40

City surprise: The campaign by United Gas to force British Gas to convert Transco, its pipeline arm, into a distinct subsidiary, has surprised City analysts. Page 40

FOOTBALL

Football: Manchester United dropped two points in their chase for the FA Carling Premiership title when they drew 0-0 with Chelsea at Old Trafford. Page 21

Show jumping: Nick Skelton, of Britain, riding Everest Dollar Girl, won the Volvo World Cup final in Gothenburg. Page 22

Racing: Michael Stoute, the champion trainer, discusses his prospects for the Flat season, which begins in earnest at Newmarket today. Page 29

Tennis: Clare Wood, Britain's No 1 player, has emerged after a career-threatening injury to reveal why she "was happiest in my personal life when I was unhappy in my professional one". Page 30

MOTHERHOOD

Motherless child: Hope Edelman was 17 when her mother died. She tells Julia Llewellyn Smith how lost she feels without a same-sex role model. Page 15

Shopping success: Nigella Lawson finds that ordering goods by telephone saves time and avoids temptation. Page 15

Body and Mind: Sam Galbraith, a Labour MP and neurosurgeon, on how his lung transplant has given him a new life. Page 14

Moral judgments: France's Justice Department has produced guidelines for judges which advise against cohabiting with prostitutes or hitchhiking. Page 33

MUSIC

Musical mentor: Yvonne Neuman was a violin prodigy who narrowly escaped the Holocaust. Today he campaigns to promote talent in young musicians. Page 12

Muted musicians: The y may have been around since 1988, but the Boo Radleys perform as if they are still finding their feet. Page 12

Modernist music: Kettle's Yard celebrates the centenary of Jim Ede, whose collection of art was a revelation to many students at Cambridge in the Sixties. Page 13

Moving memories: Laurence Boswell directs an excellent touring production of John Mortimer's autobiographical drama, *A Voyage Round My Father*. Page 13

Preview: The Holylands: A Troubled Peace is a striking start to a three-part documentary (CA 9pm). Review: Joe Joseph is surprised by passionate developments between Clodagh and the previously reserved Alice in Joanna Trollope's *A Village Affair*. Page 39

Turbulent teachers

Children who have a poor education suffer for the rest of their lives. Teachers — who consider themselves professionals — should not tolerate anything less than professional standards. And they should put the interests of their pupils first. Page 17

Modern Victorians

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Trippers' Catch-22

Away from the tourist trails there is still plenty of wilderness for those who want it. Managing the tourist explosion is a necessity the British should be good at. Page 17

BERNARD LEVIN

Imagine my astonishment when I learnt that I would be going home not with the merry lilt of Hans Werner Henze's sparkling tunes ringing in my ears, but those of Mr Robert Dylan. Page 16

TIMOTHY GARTON ASH

Johannes Gross, Germany's Ambassador to London, recently wrote a newspaper diary which quipped with pleasure — not to say with Schadenfreude — a list of asynchronisms that began with "military intelligence" and ended with "Great Britain". So much for us. Page 16

Keith Glemian, first head of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Air Marshal Sir Reginald Emson, former RAF Inspector-General, Peter Britson, arts administrator, the Hon Peter Braintree, former Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire. Page 19

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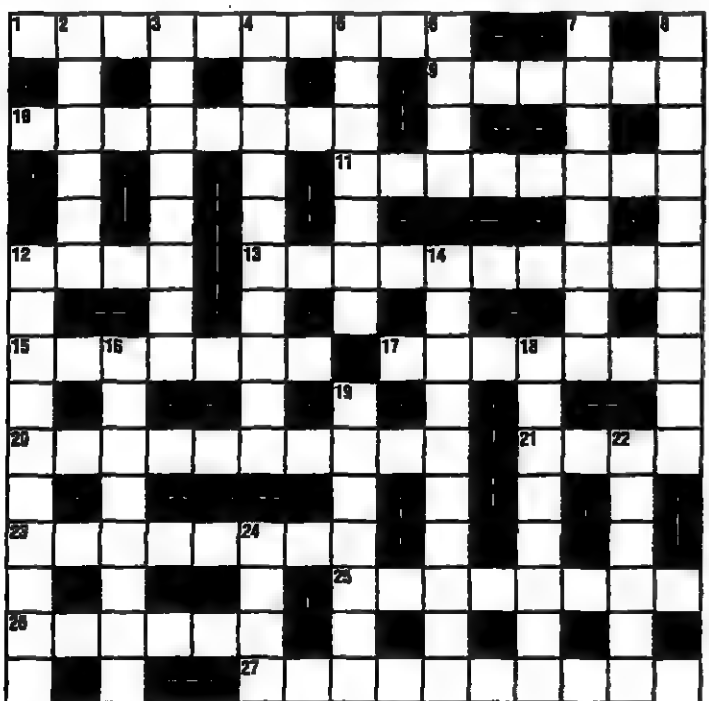
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Iain R. Webb on the look for summer — the halterneck

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Estate agents on ways to cope with the stress of buying, or selling, a house



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ACROSS

- 1 Which, upset about one scheme being rejected, casting spells (5,5).
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- 10 Cow is straight into the marshy area (5).
- 11 Risk a wet fall (5-3).
- 12 Heads off into Northern Canada, hoping to locate a small island (4).
- 13 It's very different, with Europeans out of consideration (5,5).
- 15 Burden official with bucket (7).
- 17 Part exchange iodine for oxygen in exploit (5-2).
- 20 Used to tie up the petty cash (10).
- 21 Sir Thomas and Sir John losing heart (4).

DOWN

- 23 Many with mental suffering become depressed (8).
- 25 The way in which goose is mistaken for a pen (8).
- 26 Prime mover in the robbery, he believes (6).
- 27 Ex-monk is not working (3,2,5).
- 2 Chicken crossing a road that's concrete (6).
- 3 Combined to irritate the lady (8).
- 4 What determines tournament champion, possibly (5,5).
- 5 Part of boat in which fish can be heard (7).
- 6 Players project style (4).
- 7 Tune's tempo establishes the atmosphere (8).
- 8 Fighting in the underground (10).
- 12 Slip up, with the result that cement is not firm (10).
- 14 Dish removed from the menu after a strong representation (10).
- 16 Struggle with fish (8).
- 18 Kill spy-master — always boss (8).
- 19 Superior stovepipe? (4-3).
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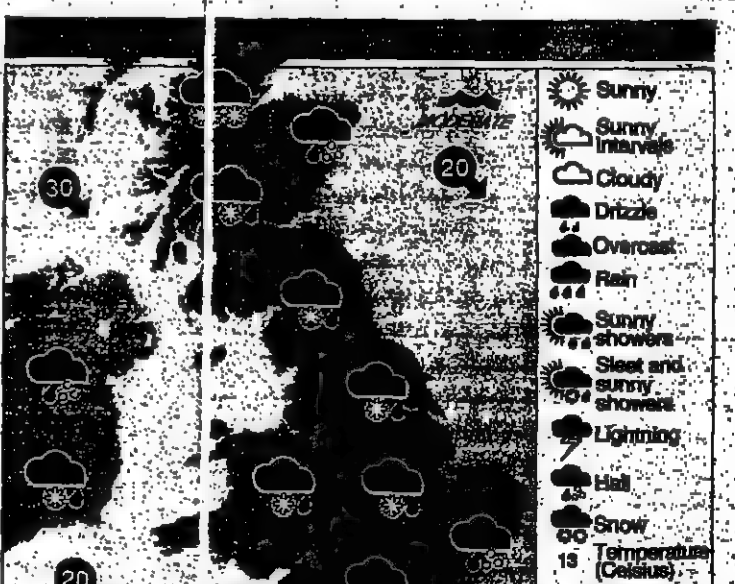
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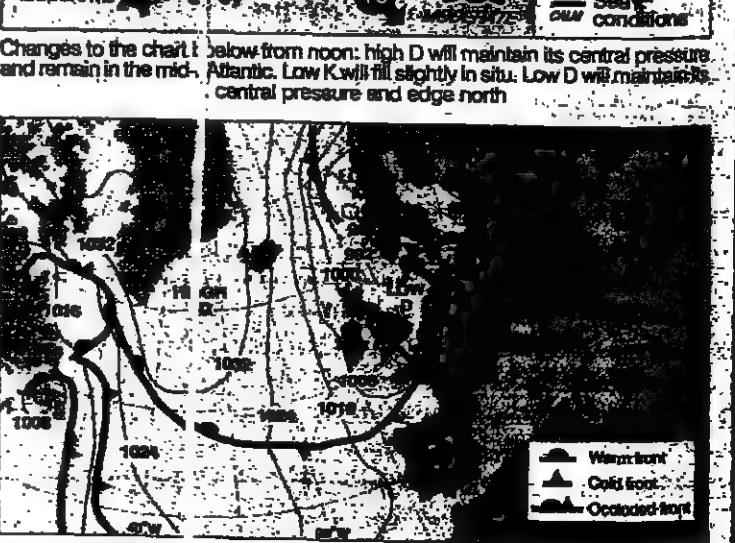
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Failure to beat Chelsea strengthens Blackburn's hand in Premiership run-in Title hopes fade for faltering United

Manchester United 0
Chelsea 0

By PETER BALL

CHELSEA, over the years, have been just about the last team Manchester United have wanted as visitors when the season is on. So it proved again yesterday as the rain poured down at Old Trafford, the London side earning an invaluable point with a measured defensive performance to thwart United.

So, United failed to put pressure on Blackburn Rovers at the top of the FA Carling Premiership; not the first time they have spurned the opportunity to close the gap, even if only for a few hours. "Two weeks ago we thought it was all over," Paul Ince, the United and England midfielder player, said. "We had a glimmer of hope when Leeds drew with Blackburn on Saturday, and it has gone again now, but we really lost it a fortnight ago."

On this occasion, the scoreline told the story. United's third goalless draw in four home matches measuring the gap between the two top teams. "Without Giggs, Kanchelskis and Sharpe at home, it was difficult for us to stretch them," Alex Ferguson,

Palace rise
Norwich sink
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the United manager, said. Even so, they created some chances, but they are being blank when they need to be at their most explosive. At the death, too, they had little luck, the referee refusing foul appeals for a penalty when Johnsen played the ball with his hand.

"It was a definite penalty," Glenn Hoddle, the Chelsea manager, said, "although we should have had a free kick before that for a blatant push on David Lee." Perhaps fortune evened itself out, but that was little consolation for United's under-strength side. "We need a miracle now," Ferguson said.

The loss of Cantona and Kanchelskis, as well as Keane and the wingers, has undermined the firepower of potentially the most potent attack in the Premiership. Cole is still looking uncertain of his role, too often trapped offside as the early passes he thrives on fail to arrive. How he missed Cantona.

Alongside him, Hughes rejoices in the nickname Sparky. But these days his battery appears to be running down, and McClair, ever willing, is showing the demands of a hard season.

The young players tried to compensate. Neville and Butt,



Sinclair, the Chelsea central defender, outjumps McClair at Old Trafford yesterday. The goalless draw hurt United, but improved Chelsea's chances of survival. Photograph: Marc Aspland

having influential games, but the demands of carrying United to victory were too heavy for their young shoulders, and when Steve Bruce went forward for the final ten minutes, his effort was ruled out for offside.

By contrast, Chelsea were in comparatively good order for a team playing its fourth game in eight days. "Under the circumstances it was a magnificent performance," Hoddle said. "We knew they would have to throw people forward in the second half because they had to win. They knew they could lose the championship today, we couldn't be relegated, so they had a lot of

possession. But for all that, we had the clearest chance."

United's best chances came early. Hughes might have scored after Cole and Bruce put him in after a corner, and when Hughes opened up the defence with a chip a golfer would have admired, Cole got in front of Hitchcock, but his volley looped over the bar as well as the goalkeeper.

A shot from Hughes almost escaped Hitchcock as it skidded through fast on the wet turf, and then in the 25th minute came United's best chance of the afternoon. Once again, Neville was involved, picking out Butt for a free header, but the ball hit Hitch-

cock's legs and the goalkeeper just recovered as Butt moved in.

At that stage, Chelsea had hardly got within sight of Schmeichel's goal, but when they did go forward some neat passing opened the way for Peacock. Schmeichel making an excellent save at his feet.

That gave United the warning that they needed to keep at least one eye open for events at the back, but they continued to have the better of things until the interval, and one sweeping move was in their best traditions as Hughes sent the ball out to Beckham, who released Neville on the overlap. The full back drove in his cross

and Hughes, who had begun the move, came in for the final contribution, only to put his drive wide.

United regrouped at the interval, Davies coming on to play down the left, with McClair moving over to the right, but still United lacked the width and the pace that had been so potent a part of their attack, and Chelsea's defence increasingly looked happily in control. They were nearly breached 11 minutes into the second period as Davies hit over a long cross and Hughes hooked it back for Cole to leap in, but his header was just turned over the bar by Hitchcock. Almost

immediately, Cole was involved again as he beat Hitchcock, but Johnsen cleared off the line.

That was as close as United were to come, at least until the penalty appeal for handball by Johnsen was turned down. "You're not champions any more," the Chelsea supporters chanted. Premature, perhaps, but surely not wrong.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-2): P. Schmeichel — G. Neville, S. Bruce, G. P. Parker, D. Irwin — D. Beckham (sub: S. Davies, 45min, sub: P. Scholes, 74), M. Butt, P. Ince, B. McClair — M. Hughes, A. Cole.

CHELSEA (4-4-2): K. Hitchcock — S. Clarke, E. Johnson, F. Sinclair, G. Hoddle — D. Rioselle (sub: C. Burley, 60), N. Spackman, D. Lee, G. Peacock — M. Stein, P. Furlong (sub: J. Spencer, 67). Referee: S. Lodge.

Southampton put case for survival

By ALYSON RIDD

WHILE the outcome of the FA Carling Premiership title race was pulled sharply into focus by Chelsea's hard-fought draw at Old Trafford yesterday, the battle-lines at the foot of the table remain hazy.

Southampton would disagree. An impressive recent run of five wins out of six, including their 2-0 victory against Wimbledon yesterday, has seen Alan Ball's side rise to eleventh in the Premiership. With matches in hand over their nearest rivals, Southampton have suddenly, and without fuss, made their continued presence in the Premiership practically a certainty.

The timing could not have been better for the South Coast club. For Aston Villa, however, the timing appears to have gone awry. Just when Brian Little seemed to have solved Villa's problem — an inability to score goals — doubts have crept back at Villa Park and their 4-0 defeat at home against Arsenal made the Midlands club one

of the favourites to be relegated.

Norwich did nothing to assuage the panic that has set in among their supporters, and their 1-0 defeat at White Hart Lane was deserved after Tottenham Hotspur dominated the play. By way of contrast, Crystal Palace were unlucky on Good Friday to gain only one point from their clash with Tottenham, and, finally, made one of their many games in hand count with a 1-0 win, courtesy of an Iain Dowie goal, at Queens Park Rangers.

The grappling in the Premiership is not all about escape routes. The prize of European football next season has kept a clutch of clubs on their toes, most notably Nottingham Forest, who shifted into third place over the weekend. Yesterday Forest won 2-0 at home against Coventry City. It was their seventh win in eight matches. Forest's drive for a UEFA Cup place had stalled until Frank Clark, the manager, demanded improved commitment from Roy and Collymore. The two forwards

responded immediately. Collymore scored his 23rd goal of the season yesterday, connecting with Roy's cross, after Woan had given Forest the early lead. Lee almost made it three but hit the upright in the final minutes.

Liverpool have already se-

cured their place in Europe by virtue of their Coca-Cola Cup success. However, a visit by Leicester, whose morale has sunk to a new low now that they are definitely relegated, provided the Merseysiders with their nineteenth win of the season. They left it late,

however, incurring the wrath and impatience of the home support before Rush and Fowler found the net to complete a 2-0 victory.

Liverpool's neighbours, Everton, travelled to Sheffield Wednesday in the hope of continuing an excellent recent run that brought not only an FA Cup final place and much needed Premiership points, but also praise for some inspiring football.

However, Everton were thankful for the point they took away from Hillsborough after a goalless draw. Southall was outstanding in the Everton goal as Wednesday fought hard to reduce the pressure on themselves and Trevor Francis, the manager, by gaining their first win in the Premiership since early February.

Everton's disappointment was compounded by an injury sustained by Duncan Ferguson. The powerful centre forward, having missed a clear chance when through on Pressman, returned from a four-match ban only to limp off after 30 minutes with a groin strain.

Maguire hurt at Hereford

ADRIAN MAGUIRE broke an arm in a fall at Hereford yesterday, forfeiting his chance of taking the National Hunt jockeys' championship from Richard Dunwoody. Maguire was riding the David Nicholson-trained Desert Fighter, the 5-2 on favourite for the Ross-on-Wye Juvenile Novices' Hurdle, when the horse ran out at the last flight on the first circuit and unseated him.

Dave Roberts, Maguire's agent, said: "Adrian went to a local hospital for x-rays, which revealed a break. The severity of the injury is not fully known but clearly he will be out of action for some time."

Maguire's season-long struggle to wrest the title from Dunwoody has fascinated and entertained the sport. As Maguire's prospects evaporated, Dunwoody celebrated his own return from injury with a double at Chesham, taking him level with Maguire on the 130-winner mark.

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Christopher Irvine listens to discontented supporters at Wheldon Road

Super League hatred rife on the terraces

ANDREW VARLEY

SADDAM HUSSEIN asks, "Mirror, mirror, on the wall, who is the most hated man of all?" He immediately turns round to his ruling council and demands: "Who is this Maurice Lindsay?"

Humour "down r'lane" was strictly gallows, the invective on the terraces mostly directed at the chief executive of the Rugby Football League, Lindsay, in Australia fine-tuning the dreaded Super League. "Has little man joined r'convicts?" a great snarling figure in the yellow and black of Castleford inquired, and all around guffawed.

But if ever a Rugby League match underlined how important a Super League now is, it was the depressing rout at Wheldon Road yesterday. In response to the three-way merger proposed for them, Castleford submerged one of their prospective partners, Wakefield Trinity, 86-0. As a former Trinity follower said: "After that, you can't really blame Cas wanting to go it alone."

Unless a rumoured reference by the Parliamentary Rugby League Group to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC) succeeds in overturning amalgamations of 13 clubs as part of the Super League package, the record books will document the last Castleford-Wakefield derby as the worst defeat in Trinity's 100-year existence and the biggest margin of victory in Castleford's history. Not that the cheers fully supplanted the jeers and tears. If this, indeed, was Castleford's last home match as Castleford.

To a baying, angry crowd of only 4,443, many having voted with their feet, Eddie Ashton, the Castleford chairman, stuck his head round the lion's den and was quick to announce over the Pampy before the match the merger reference by MPs, no matter that he had only heard it second-hand from a Tribune listening to the radio.

Needs must in situations like this and, although he was unable to shed any further light, Ashton pronounced all mergers were now as good, it was a ringing declaration, but few in "Cas" Restoration shared his confidence. As one said, just before the club chairman's head and the



Before a depleted crowd, Billy Conway, the Castleford captain, leads his players out for what may well have been the club's last home game in its present form

entire process had been disgusting to which someone shouted: "Why vote for it, then? You're jailing Ashton."

At the interval, by which time Castleford were just getting into their stride at 30-0, there was a peaceful demonstration on the pitch by both sets of supporters. Two hundred men, women, children and babies, lifted over the headstands, made the point about the night's events, while Lindsay came in for more of

the verbal stick wielded throughout the match.

For all the RFL want the Hills of the North to rejoice, the advent voice went something different. The £77 million for the Super League was blood money, and the combining of clubs a sell-out of history. In the metropolitan district of Wakefield, the proposals have achieved something no government has in recent times, by opening up a minefield.

The common ground Castleford, Wakefield and Featherstone Rovers, the third party, share is mutual loathing but rivalry is their lifeblood and now it is suggested the combustible trio be unified as a single force. "Ay," said one protester, "and there'll be peace in Yugoslavia tomorrow."

In these parts, it is a marriage made in hell, support for it as thin as the ground as Tory voters. Calver

is the name of a river straddled by the M62 twin Densbury and Huddersfield, so the name given the troika could easily be applied to any number of clubs.

Outside the ground, foot-high lettering declares: "No merger. Long live the Tigers." Slogan-makers have worked overtime on posters and stickers, while the souvenir shop reported brisk trade. "God forbid the name does go," one of the women workers said,

"but people are buying up what could be reminders."

Affection can, however, be misplaced. Toilet facilities at Wheldon Road would definitely not be mourned and the ground remains shabby, if endearingly so. Trinity's ground is much the same, and as supporters mingled in The Early Bath pub, they were agreed on the point that money in Rugby League is urgently required.

Patricia Henry was born in

Wheldon Road, where most of the terraced houses have gone — a fate now awaiting the Rugby League grounds. "The roar of the crowd would nearly take the corrugated roof off," she recalled. "I can remember them all streaming past and the unconfined joy when Cas won. They are nice memories, but memories fade, new generations grow up, and time marches on. Rather than the end, maybe it is a new beginning. Maybe."

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Warrington unable to cope with in-form Botica

FRANO BOTICA, the New Zealand stand-off, claimed 14 points as the newly crowned champions, Wigan, registered their seventh consecutive league victory over Warrington at Wilderspool, defeating them 34-0.

In atrocious conditions, Botica grabbed two first-half tries and landed three goals as the visitors built up an 18-0 lead at the interval.

He opened the scoring in the tenth when he went over in the corner and then produced a dazzling 80-yard solo try. Kris Radlinski, the wing, added Wigan's third try of the half.

Va'anga Tuigamala was put in by Murdoch for a simple try early in the second half. Radlinski scored his second and Connolly crossed four minutes from time.

Workington ended their home programme with a 34-12 victory over a disappointing Oldham. The Cumbrians led 16-0 at half-time and, although Oldham threatened a fightback when they pulled the score back to 18-12 midway through the second half, Town finished strong.

Bradford Northern consolidated their position in the top eight, courtesy of a second-half penalty try in their 16-14 win over Salford. Salford led 14-10 at the break, but Northern scored the only try of the second half when Karl Fairbank was obstructed. Deryck Fox landed the conversion.

Salford held the interval lead thanks to an injury-time try from their centre, Martin, who had opened the scoring in the 12th minute. Bradford hit back with tries from Hall and full back, Paul, plus a Fox conversion.

Widnes crashed to their heaviest defeat of the season, going down 54-22 against a rampant St Helens at Knowsley Road.

They trailed 20-6 at the break after conceding five first-half tries, the first of which was scored by winger Mark Ellis in the 10th minute. Hunt, the wing, got three touchdowns, as did the Widnes hooker, McCurie.

Success of Mighty Mary's female crew adds another dimension to America's Cup

Bastion under threat from Egnot's warriors

David Miller observes the emancipation of women in yachting's premier event

I (Dennis Conner, implacable strategist of one of three contenders to defend the America's Cup, is yachting's Napoleon. Leslie Egnot, the slim, shy helmsman of *Mighty Mary*, is Saint Joan. Egnot and her crew have dismantled the conventional face of sailing. How long now before there is open sailing, as with equestrianism at the Olympic Games?

Mighty Mary's platoon of young athletes, glowing with fitness, confidence and radiant smiles, are not so much an advertisement for women's sailing as for women. Whether or not they succeed in this particular event — they were taking Conner again yesterday afternoon — another male myth has been exposed. Queen Victoria, who gave the Cup 144 years ago, would be proud of them.

They have added an important new dimension to this troubled, extravagant event. The American public would dearly like them to win the defenders' trials, because Conner, in his seventh campaign, is perceived, however inaccurately, as being still afloat only by rule manipulation.

For Egnot, a 37-year-old silver medal-winner from Barcelona in the 470 class, it has been like stepping out of a Morris Minor onto the Formula 1 circuit. Yet here she is, at the reins of a surging beast of massive horsepower, more or less holding her own against the best match-racing men in the world.

The pre-race manoeuvres against *Young America* last week were the scariest I have seen, two 75-foot craft lunging and twisting for tactical supremacy only yards apart. It was a big jump to the big boats, with a crew of 16. Egnot says almost resignedly:

Her physical appearance is illusory. The schoolgirl voice may be tremulous, the frame may be slender, yet she self-evidently has the constitution of a ball-bearer. "I do better under pressure," she says defiantly. "The more intense it is, the better. When it was to be a nine races to decide which yacht was against *Stars & Stripes* for the last semi-final race, which

they easily won, unaware that Conner had already been re-committed to a three-boat final, we pulled together."

Bill Koch, the eccentric Kansas multi-millionaire who made his fortune by steeplechasing, won the cup in 1992 with a \$1 million budget. He opted this time for a women's crew to present, it is thought, a kinder Koch face. "They have sailed with great credit and raised the standard of the game," John Marshall, head

of *Young America's* Pack 95 syndicate, says of them. Jennifer Isler, the tactician, was replaced by David Dellenbaugh, who is easily enough identified on board by his red beard. "He was more experienced, and he just happened to be a man," Dawn Riley, the muscular "pit" sail handler, says dismissively. Riley was

dropped from the all-male defending 1992 crew. Koch subsequently apologised to her.

Egnot rejects the widespread suggestion that Koch will introduce more men to bolster *Mighty Mary's* chances. "I can't see it happening. We don't need other men," she says. "Dave's position is

pivotal, but not any other position. We've shown that strength is not an issue. Men are naturally heavier, but when we've failed, it's not been the strength factor, it's lack of experience on these boats."

"We're America's Cup novices except for Dawn, and sure there are going to be things that don't work sometimes. We're still learning, but we've come a long way."

They are not, Egnot insists, intent on proving themselves as women, simply as sailors. If

they can do something to help the cause of women, coincidentally, that will be a bonus. She knows how hard it can be.

"Sailing has traditionally been something for men," she reflects. "I can remember some yacht clubs in New Zealand, when I was a girl, that had no women's changing rooms, and my dad had to stand outside the men's room while they'd finished so that I could get a hot shower."

She was born in Christchurch, grew up sailing P Class dinghies, then 470s, enthusiastically supported by her parents. She qualifies residually for *Mighty Mary*, sarcastically named by Koch after his mother.

Although the women largely claim to be oblivious of it, an unmistakable sexual frisson exists between *Mary* and the other two American rival boats. When last week's race against Conner was abandoned in light winds with Conner leading, he lamented:

"God must be a woman."

"Maybe some of the men do feel a bit threatened," Egnot speculates. "But we have a camaraderie with many of them." It is regularly discernible at the joint post-race press conferences that it is the representatives of the men's crews who tend to be trying to achieve psychological one-upmanship with some of their answers. The women sit there and smile back benignly.

"God certainly wasn't a woman when we were unjustly penalised by the umpire during the start manoeuvres against *Young America* last week," Egnot says. "But you have to accept these things. The America's Cup is character-building. We've got enough character now — what we need is more experience. Our hopes are still high. We know we're up against tough sailors. The best crew will win, and we're still room for some refinement."

Courtenay Becker, their navigator, admits to the permanent imponderable: determining between boat technology performance and crew performance. "We're looking at it hard," she says. "We honestly don't know [which needs the more tuning]."

Cup next month. Was it a hiccup or haint? Eight years ago, the New Zealanders, then led by Chris Dickson, looked just as unstoppable, gaining a 39-1 record before losing the next five to Dennis Conner's *Stars & Stripes* in the finals.

Three years ago the wheels fell off again when New Zealand's tandem-keeled challenger, then skippered by Rod Davis, strode through the preliminary rounds and went 4-1 up in the finals before collapsing under a late Italian challenge.

"I'm surprised it has taken us this long to lose a race," Brad Bunkerworth, the Team New Zealand tactician, said. "I expected us to lose a few in the fourth round-robin series when our boat was not

set up as we wanted it. We never expected to get through these finals without dropping a race or two. The Australians are tough competition and they are sailing very, very well."

Coutts blamed the upset on not having Peter Blake, the Whitbread race winner, or rather his lucky red socks, on board. Blake, who leads the New Zealand syndicate and operates the mainsheet traveller, had strained his back and stayed ashore for the first time in this series.

Was his presence missed? "No, but his socks were," Coutts said. "If he is not with us again, then Pippa, his wife, is going to roll them up and put them on board for us. We have never lost a race with them!"



The crew of *Mighty Mary*, with Egnot at the helm, takes a break during the trials off San Diego yesterday

Chill wind of history disturbs Coutts

FROM BARRY PICKERHILL IN SAN DIEGO

BUOYED by their first victory against Russell Coutts and his Team New Zealand crew in the finals of the Louis Vuitton America's Cup challenger finals, John Bertrand, the one-Australia skipper, went out to battle yesterday convinced that his revamped yacht can now beat the unbeatable.

Before the dramatic turnaround on Friday when *one-Australia* won by 15 seconds, Team New Zealand had won all 35 races in these long drawn-out trials off San Diego and stood 3-0 in the best-of-nine finals to decide which yacht was quality for the challenge for the America's

Cup next month. Was it a hiccup or haint?

Eight years ago, the New Zealanders, then led by Chris Dickson, looked just as unstoppable, gaining a 39-1 record before losing the next five to Dennis Conner's *Stars & Stripes* in the finals.

Three years ago the wheels fell off again when New Zealand's tandem-keeled challenger, then skippered by Rod Davis, strode through the preliminary rounds and went 4-1 up in the finals before collapsing under a late Italian challenge.

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Teddington strive for bronze to no avail

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN IN CAGLIARI

THE sixth European Cup Winners' Cup hockey tournament ended here yesterday with Harvestehuder, of Germany, defeating HDM, of Holland, in the final and Real Club de Polo, Barcelona, taking the bronze medal after a hard-fought 3-2 victory over Teddington.

As winners of the bronze last year, Teddington were disappointed at having to return home empty-handed, but despite their spirited fightback, they did not deserve victory. The match was less than two minutes old when the Spanish team snatched the lead. Pablo Garcia caught up with an overhead pass from Russell Garcia and, coming in sharply on the left, scored from a difficult angle.

For the next 20 minutes Polo Club overran Teddington's defence and only Meredith in goal kept them in the game by saving a barrage of shots.

Teddington took 24 minutes to force their first short corner, having already conceded three and Paul Way converted. Bilson revived Teddington's spirits three minutes into the second half with a goal on the follow-up from a short corner. But the Spaniards came back strongly with Massana equalising and Thomas Ferran converting a penalty stroke three minutes from time.

In the final, Harvestehuder were without their international, Stefan Saliger, who was suspended after being sent off in the previous game. Despite his absence, the Germans created more chances and were unlucky not to have won in normal time.

Grange, of Scotland, raised their game to defeat the Polish club, Poznowiec, 3-1 earlier in the day, preventing relegation to the B division next year. The Scots fought back after going one down in the fourteenth minute. In the 27th minute they equalised with a goal by McLeod, before McFarlane put them 2-1 ahead. McLeod was on hand again in the 64th minute to add the final goal.

Slough fall short in penalty shoot-out

BY ALAN RAMSAY

SLOUGH came so close, but could not quite exact the revenge that they sought over Russelsheim in the European Cup Winners' Cup women's hockey final, in Groningen, Holland, yesterday.

Facing the team that had beaten them in the European indoor championship final two months ago, Slough were within striking distance of taking the title in normal time, before eventually losing out in the lottery of a penalty shoot-out.

The sides could not be separated, at 1-1 at the end of normal time, but then penalty misses by Sally Eyre and Sam Wright denied Slough the gold medal in the shoot-out. It was all a terrible disappointment as the English league champions had matched the indoor European champions stroke for stroke during open play.

Slough were well aware of the Germans' strength from penalty corners and, indeed, the German international, Tanja Dickenscheid, had given Russelsheim the lead just before half-time from the set-piece. But Slough forced themselves right back into contention with a quick reply from Mandy Nicholls.

The English representatives were by far the better side in the second half, winning five penalty corners but unfortunately unable to make any of them count. At the other end, their goalkeeper, Sue Knight, managed to keep the Germans out, saving a goalbound shot from Klecker.

With Karen Brown always in control and the forward line of Nicholls, Wright and Anna Bennett running the Germans ragged, it looked as though finally, Slough were going to get their revenge. But their former dominance had ebbed away by the penalty shoot-out and, as Wright and Eyre missed the target, even the experienced Brown needed the help of the Russelsheim goalkeeper to deflect her shot into the back of the net.

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Pick your Fantasy First XI and win £10,000

THE cricket season is under way and *The Times* game has begun with it. It's bigger and better than before, with the chance to win £250 a week during the season and, for the best performance of the summer, a top prize of £10,000.

In association with Company Barclaycard, the United Kingdom's leading corporate charge card, we have renewed our exclusive arrangement with the Test and County Cricket Board to present *The Times Fantasy First XI*. The great strengths of last year's game, First Class XI, have been preserved. It is up to you to select the team you think will sweep the board. Every first-class run your players

score and every first-class wicket they take will count towards your total. There are no artificial additives, no handicaps, no ratings, no transfer fees, just a test of your selection skills and your eye for first-class talent.

But we have introduced some big improvements. We have simplified the rules, deepened the pool of players and introduced the chance to change your team during the season.

We have added the West Indies touring party to our list of overseas players, making the likes of Brian Lara, Jimmy Adams, Courtney Walsh and Curtly Ambrose available for selection. We have dispensed

with the captains' category and replaced the reserve system with a transfer season. Starting on May 4, we will carry the full list of players' first-class scores and the names of the top 100 entries every Thursday, but, for the first time, we are also providing a Fantasy First XI hotline, so you can check your team's progress when it suits you.

This year, there is a new service designed to enable groups of players at home or at work to measure their selection skills against each other by forming a mini-league. You will also be able to enter an office team and try to win the Company Barclaycard League. Full details of these

Our new, improved cricket game offers you the chance to add to your enjoyment of the season and put your selection skills to the test

services will be published next week.

The rules are simple:

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- 3) Select one wicketkeeper.
- 4) Select four bowlers.
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- 6) Your Fantasy First XI must include one (and no more than one) rising star.

All players must be selected according to the categories

published here (for example a player such as Graeme Hick, listed here as an all-rounder, may only be selected as a batsman; Phillip DeFreitas is listed here as an all-rounder — he may not be selected as a bowler).

There will be a seven-day transfer season (July 12-18, when no first-class cricket is due to be played), during which you will be able to change up to four members of your team, although your final

XI must still conform to the six rules above. You do not have to change your team at all, but, if you choose to, you will receive the points scored by your original selection up to July 12 and those scored by the revised selection from the moment first-class play resumes on July 18.

Apart from these transfers, no changes will be allowed. No substitutions can be made, so it is worth bearing in mind the injury records of the players available. If a player is not playing first-class cricket, then he is not scoring in the Fantasy First XI.

Scoring: your score according to the performance of your players. For every run each of

your XI scores, you will receive one point. For each wicket they take, you will receive 20 points. For each dismissal (catch or stumping) your wicketkeeper makes, you will receive 20 points. Catches taken by other fielders will not count. The object of the game is to select the team which will score the most points in the course of the season.

In the event of a tie, the scores of the rising star will be decisive. If another tie-break is necessary, its form will be decided by *The Times Fantasy First XI* panel.

Fixtures: *The Times Fantasy First XI* season runs from April 13 until September 18 but the deadline for entries is

noon, April 27. Postal entries must be received by April 27. Only first-class matches, as designated by the Test and County Cricket Board, throughout the season (including those played before the closing date for entries to this competition) will count. One-day games do not count.

As last year, you can enter by phone or by post. Phone calls will be charged at 39p per minute, plus a 3p per minute charge at other times. An average call should last no more than six minutes.

Please note that postal entries must be accompanied by a fee of £2.50, and cheques should be made payable to *The Times Fantasy First XI*.

England regulars may not provide the most points

By Simon Walton

CHOOSING a team for the Fantasy First XI competition involves many delicate decisions. If your first-choice players are affected by injuries and dramatic losses of form, there will be nothing you can do about replacing them until the transfer period arrives in mid-July. But there are ways in which you can enhance the prospects of your side from the outset.

One is to think carefully before choosing any player who might be called on regularly by England, who are involved in a Texaco Trophy series and six Cornhill Test matches against West Indies. The Texaco Trophy will deprive all the England players, except those from Surrey of one first-class match for their counties — and their performances in the three one-day internationals will not, of course, count towards the Fantasy First XI game.

And, while runs scored, wickets taken and wickets kept are dismissed accomplished in the Test matches will count, these will be all the harder to come by against the might of West Indies. Graham Gooch and Mike Gatting, who have retired from international cricket and may be overlooked as mere legends in the Test environment of sports producers, could well be more productive selections, then, say, Michael Atherton and Darren Gough, who will miss seven and six championship matches respectively if they play in every England international.

Other shrewd selections might be those players who spend the summer pushing to regain their England places — players, perhaps, such as Rob Smith, Andrew Caddick and Martin McCague.

Another delicate decision is the choice of overseas players. Thirteen players are listed below who are expected to be included in the West Indies tour party, which will not be announced until later this month. They offer some valuable options, such as Brian Lara, Jimmy Adams, Courtney Walsh and Curtly Am-



breese, but it should be borne in mind that the West Indies 14 first-class matches outside the Test matches may be used partly as preparation for the internationals.

An alternative is to select one of the overseas players attached to first-class counties. Seventeen such cricketers are listed below. Surrey, the eighth county, having not yet confirmed their choice in the wake of Waqar Younis's injury problems.

It should be noted that a number of overseas county players will not join their

teams until after the season has begun and will miss fixtures as a result. Manoj Prabhakar, who helped India win the Asia Cup in Sharjah last week, missed Durham's opening match with Oxford University and Mark Waugh, who is touring the Caribbean with Australia, will not join Essex until May 16. By then, his county will have completed championship matches against Leicestershire and Worcestershire and a three-day fixture with Cambridge University.

Oris Gibson, Glamorgan's nominated overseas player, will not learn until April 21 whether he will be playing for them or touring with West Indies. If he is available to Glamorgan, he will join them in time for the start of their championship campaign but will have missed the county's match against Oxford University.

Aravinda de Silva, of Kent, Mushtaq Ahmed, of Somerset, and Wasim Akram, of Lancashire, may all leave their counties early to take part in a Test series between Pakistan and Sri Lanka scheduled for September.

A number of county cricketers may be taken away from their counties to play for England Under-19, who meet their South African counterparts in two one-day internationals and three Test matches between July 1 and August 13. Most prominent among these will be Marcus Trescothick, the England Under-19 captain, who will miss three championship matches for Somerset as a result. Under-19 matches are not first-class.

Neither Tom Moody, of Worcestershire, nor Michael Bevan, of Yorkshire, will be chosen for the Australia A party that will tour England and Wales in July and August. The Australia A players will be ineligible for the game.

Two Oxford University players who join counties after the University match finishes on July 7 have been included: Gregor Macmillan, a batsman, will be added to Leicestershire's staff, and Richard Yeasley will supplement Middlesex's bowling strength. Yeasley's appearances for Oxford, though, may be restricted by examination demands.

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WICKETKEEPER

BOWLERS

TEAM NAME

Your Personal Identification Number

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Send your entries to: Times Fantasy First XI, Abacus House, Dudley Street, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU2 0NS

SELECT A TEAM TO BEAT THE BEST

- There are six basic rules:
- 1) You must select five batsmen.
 - 2) You must select one all-rounder.
 - 3) You must select one wicketkeeper.
 - 4) You must select four bowlers.
 - 5) Your XI must include one (and no more than one) overseas player.
 - 6) Your XI must include one (and no more than one) rising star.
- All players must be selected according to the categories published below. Only matches designated first-class by the TCCB will count.

- 1 In this section please enter the five batsmen you have selected from the list below. You may only pick players listed (001-123) as batsmen. You may pick any number of players from any county but remember you may only select one overseas player and one rising star in your whole team. Every run your batsmen make and every wicket they take will count towards your team's total.
- 2 Please enter your selected all-rounder, who must be drawn from numbers 124-165, in this section.
- 3 Your wicketkeeper (from numbers 166-185) will score with each run and each catch or stumping.
- 4 In this section please enter the four bowlers you have selected from the list below. You may only pick players listed (186-287) as bowlers. Again, remember you may only select one overseas player and one rising star in your whole team. Every wicket your bowlers take and every run they make will count towards your total.

SCORING

For every run each of your XI scores, you will receive one point. For each wicket they take, you will receive 20 points. For each wicketkeeping dismissal (catch or stumping) your wicketkeeper makes, you will receive 20 points. Catches taken by other fielders will not count. The object of the game is to select the team which will score the most points in the course of the season.

How to enter by phone or post

THE 24-hour telephone lines are open now and close at noon on Thursday April 27, the day the Britannia Assurance County Championship begins. Runs scored and wickets taken in the first-class games before that date will count in Fantasy First XI. But beware the last-minute rush.

When you have selected your team, check what type of telephone you are using. You must have a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) to enter. You cannot enter using a rotary dial or "pulse" telephone. Once you have found a Touch-tone telephone, you can enter by dialling 0891 700565.

Then follow the step-by-step instructions. The recorded message will ask you to key in the full set of selections (player reference numbers) for each of your 11 chosen players in the following order: the five batsmen, the all-rounder, the wicketkeeper, the bowlers.

Make sure you have picked one overseas player and one rising star in your team. An incorrect entry will be void.

You will then be asked to give the name of your team (no more than 16 characters) and to record your name, address and daytime phone number. Finally, you will be given a ten-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN). Please be patient. You have plenty of time to make your entry. Use *The Times Fantasy First XI* bat to record your selections and your PIN.

Calls cost 39p per minute, plus 3p a minute at other times. Each call will last about six minutes.

Competitors may give their teams any name of up to 16 characters. If a name is considered to be in poor taste by the panel, or if that name has been taken, the competitor's surname will be used.

Readers wishing to enter by post should complete their Fantasy First XI bat and send it (photocopies are not acceptable) with a cheque or postal order for £2.50 to *The Times Fantasy First XI*, Abacus House, Dudley Street, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU2 0NS. Cheques should be made payable to *The Times Fantasy First XI*.

All entries, whether by telephone or post, will be acknowledged. Queries should be made direct to Abacus on 01582 457444, quoting *The Times Fantasy First XI*.

PICK ONE FROM EACH CATEGORY

You must include in your team one player from each of these two categories

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003: C L Ambrose (bowler)

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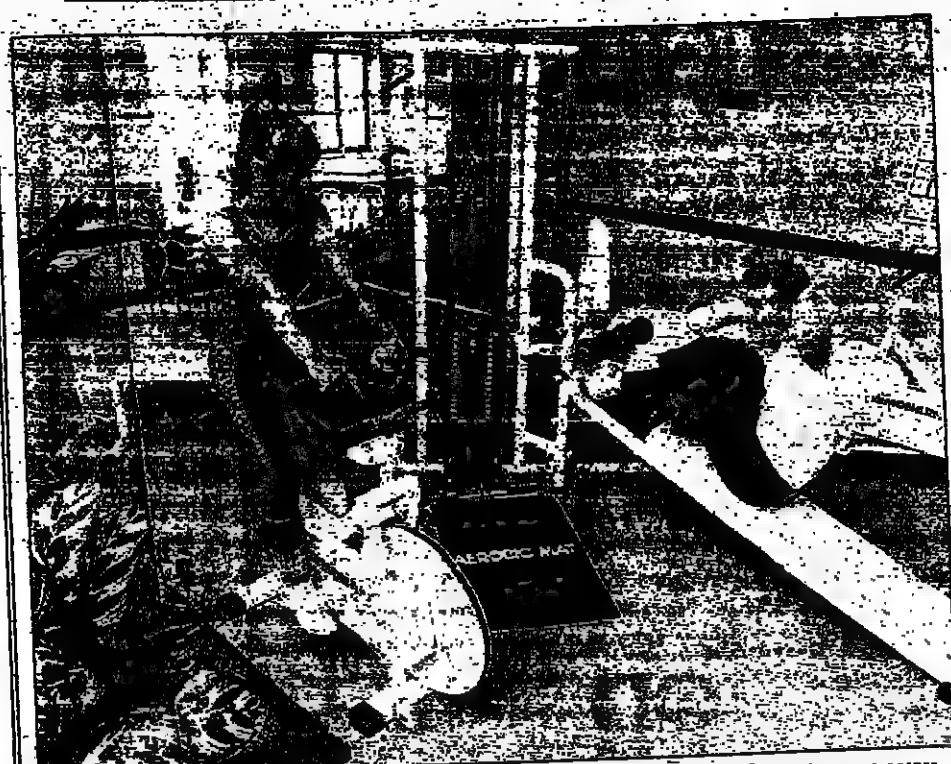
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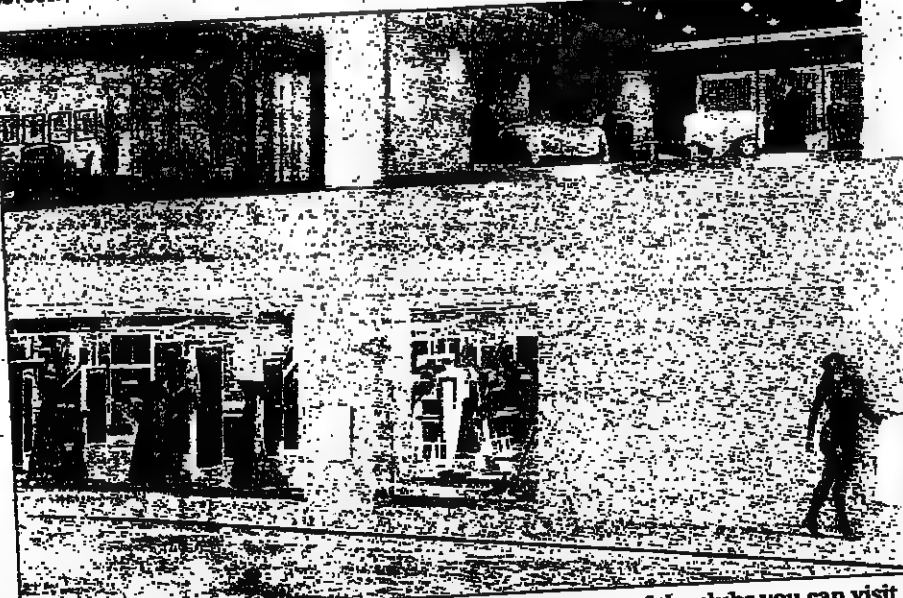
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A working party is to consider the legal status of living wills. Andrew Grubb reports

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Ever growing numbers of people are making "living wills" or "advance directives", expressing their wishes regarding medical treatment should they become unable to make their own decisions.

Living wills most often state that people would not want treatment to sustain their life were they to become permanently senile or unconscious, or if they were in the final stages of terminal illness. Occasionally, people draw up living wills to make clear that they would wish to have any treatment which was available to keep them alive, whatever their quality of life.

Living wills came to prominence in America in the 1970s, but their popularity in Britain is more recent. Progress in medical science means that doctors can now keep patients alive in cases where once death would have been a foregone conclusion. There is a growing public perception that because doctors can keep patients alive, they will do so. Many individuals, fearing an undignified, possibly painful, end, see living wills as a means of regaining control over the time and manner of their deaths. We should, therefore, see the development of living wills as a welcome contribution to the enhancement of patient autonomy.

But such documents are not without their problems. Living wills may be valueless if the patient did not anticipate the particular circumstances which may arise. What if new treatments have been developed since the living will was drawn up? On a deeper level, some argue that the whole concept of a living will is flawed because it underestimates the basic human survival instinct. Who can contemplate death, rather than life, in a dispassionate way? Who can imagine?

Those who make living wills do so on the assumption that their wishes will be honoured. In practice, however, something of a lottery operates. Although the law in this area is reasonably clear, in practice it may leave a doctor with

discretion. Moreover, some doctors do not appreciate the ramifications of recent court judgments.

Two recent developments have highlighted the fact that the legal status of living wills is an area of public concern. The Law Commission's report, *Mental Incapacity*, published last month, recommended legislation to treat a statutory presumption that a competent adult's refusal of treatment is binding as long as it is in writing and is signed and witnessed.

Two weeks ago, the British Medical Association published a code of practice urging doctors to respect living wills. Its acceptance that advance treatment refusals should be legally binding represents a significant about-turn.

In one sense, the law does not need clarification. In 1992, in a case in which a Jehovah's Witness refused a blood transfusion, the Court of Appeal extended the contemporaneous right of competent adults to refuse life-saving treatment so that it covered advance refusals. This was subject to the conditions that the patient understood the implications of the advance refusal (i.e. was competent), intended the refusal to apply in the circumstances which arose, and had not made the refusal under undue influence.

In the case of Tony Bland, the Hillsborough victim, the law lords reiterated that treating a patient in the face of a "clear" and "applicable" advance refusal would be a battery (or even a criminal assault). It is equally clear that an advance request to receive whatever treatment is available cannot legally bind a doctor to provide treatment which he or she thinks inappropriate.

Nevertheless, there are several reasons why legislation is needed. Not least of these is the symbolic significance of enshrining in statute a patient's right to decide. It would also dispel the misconception which persists among some doctors that only legislation, and not case law, has legal force. Legislation could also clarify several uncertainties. Should, for



By instructing a solicitor to draw up a living will you can make sure that your wishes are obeyed



If you fall ill, the document will help relatives to carry out your wishes

example, a living will apply where a patient is pregnant and respecting her wishes might harm or kill her unborn child? The Law Commission argues persuasively that an advance refusal would not satisfy the law's condition of "applicability" unless the woman had expressly stated that it should apply even if she were pregnant.

Similarly, the Commission recommends that an advance refusal of life-saving treatment should be binding only if the patient expressly states that it should apply even where death will result. This seems logical, but there is a danger that the patient's need to "anticipate" all possible eventualities could swallow up the law's purported

commitment to respecting advance refusals.

A further area of uncertainty is whether oral advance refusals can ever be legally binding. In principle, the answer must be yes, yet the Law Commission recommends that a presumption of validity should apply only to written refusals.

Finally, legislation could help to establish a regulatory framework for advance directives, providing for a central computerised registration scheme, and setting time limits after which living wills would cease to be valid unless they were reviewed.

The momentum for legislation on advance directives seems unstoppable. Legislation would provide the certainty badly needed by doctors and patients, but would not solve everything. It will not remove the need for communication between doctors and patients. Indeed, advance refusals are more likely to be "applicable" and thus legally binding, if the patient has consulted a doctor.

The debate must be widened to cover other means of decision-making when patients are mentally incapacitated. The Law Commission has proposed legislation to allow patients to appoint others as agents. But in reality most patients will neither make a living will nor appoint an agent.

Decisions about the competence of adults will continue to rest with doctors, who must decide whether treatment is in the patient's best interests, usually following consultation with relatives. Perhaps the more fundamental question we should ask is whether to leave such life-and-death decision-making in doctors' hands.

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Stress is driving
lawyers to drink

The Law Society is to look at ways of giving help to those who cannot cope

Lawyers thrive on pressure but shrivel under stress. Increasing numbers of solicitors are taking to the bottle (or the client account or the drug cupboard) to escape their worries.

The level of stress has become so acute that the Law Society's Standards and Guidance Committee is on the point of setting up a lawyers' assistance programme to look at alcohol abuse. "We have seen our membership more than double in the past three years," says Barry Pritchard, of the solicitors' support group which focuses on alcoholism in the law. "There is little doubt that the recession has increased the stress on solicitors in a significant way. And while we have few women members at the moment, the signs are that many more will be joining over the next few years."

At the heart of the problem, according to Brownen Stilt, the head of guidance and professional ethics at the Law Society, is the rapid increase in competition and the growth in bureaucracy. "Practice gets harder and harder and the legal aid regime is a nightmare," she says. "Solicitors have to run faster and faster simply to stand still."

Certainly it seems that the scramble for work, the screwing down of fees and the screeds of paperwork which must be completed have left their mark — particularly on sole practitioners. Even partners in medium-sized firms, however, do not escape unscathed. A firm facing difficulties will often turn on its weaker members and, in those circumstances, it may be fatal to ask for help because it merely provides further leverage to those who want to get you out. As one female partner says: "When I was facing a nervous breakdown the only thing my partners could say to me was 'go home and get over it.'"

But it is not simply commercial pressures which take their toll. Those involved in family law are worn down by the predicament of their clients. "Solicitors working in the field of divorce, for example, often become very depressed at the feeling of helplessness in handling their clients' cases," says Christopher Clulow, of the Tavistock Institute of Marital Studies. "If they empathise with their clients it becomes a very emotionally taxing situation. If they are working in a quasi-macho firm, then again it is hard to get support from a partner."

The indications are that the best way to avoid pressure becoming stress is by sharing it with supportive colleagues who understand your work. For those who feel isolated in their own partnership, the Law Society solicitors' assistance scheme goes some way towards providing a shoulder to cry on from a fellow professional outside the firm. Ideally, though, enlightened leadership from senior partners should be available."

At Clifford Chance, for example, Garth Pollard, the executive partner, has introduced a sophisticated support regime to ensure that all staff have access to facilities which help them to avoid stress. The elaborate sports facilities (including practice rooms and a swimming pool) are not there to enable

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some things to pump iron, but also to play host to relaxation activities such as yoga and the Alexander technique (which helps people to gain a better balance between mind and body).

Teachers come in on a regular basis and there is considerable participation in these classes," Mr Pollard says. "We want to ensure that none of our staff gets into a position of being under real stress."

Sadly, however, many solicitors are still opting for the bottle as the easy way out. The next step is the catastrophic one into fraud or unemployment. That is why the Law Society's backing for action on stress is such a welcome news.

EDWARD FENNEL

For information contact the solicitors support group 01845 833248, or write to Barry Pritchard at 12 Mullins Close, Poole, Dorset BH12 5EQ. More information about the Alexander technique is available from Nick Martin-Smith at Clifford Chance, 200 Aldersgate Street, London EC1A 4JL.

Living wills
enhance
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Morals and morality

French judges
have been given
a detailed code of
judicial ethics

Judges in France, as elsewhere, are summoned to behave with a "dignity, honour and scrupulousness".

But what is dignified behaviour? How scrupulous is scrupulous? For the first time, the French Justice Department has tried to offer an answer to these questions by producing a synthesis of 90 disciplinary measures taken against judges over the past three decades.

The department's report, published last month by France's Magistrates' Union, effectively stands as a detailed code of judicial ethics.

The disciplinary measures are handed down by France's Higher Council of the Magistrature, which oversees the country's legal institutions, and range from warnings to dismissal. Some of the decisions appear self-evident. For example, members of the French judiciary must not have a criminal record or mix with the French mafia.

Others are less so. Thus, judges should avoid hitchhiking, at least on a regular basis, because it undermines the "authority necessary for the exercise of their functions". Drink-driving, signing a cheque that bounces or failing to pay off a debt within a "reasonable delay" are all seen as reprehensible.

However, the French legal authorities appear to take a more liberal view of sex than



do their British counterparts. Seeing a prostitute is not, in itself, a misdemeanour, although judges can be reprimanded if they use their status to try to get away without paying. Similarly, "cohabiting with a prostitute" is viewed as overstepping the mark.

A second tranche of decisions concerns professional issues. For example, eight magistrates and judges have been sanctioned for laziness, either because they kept arriving late for work or because

they took too long to hand down their judgments. One, in the mid-1970s, was disciplined for refusing to live in the area served by the court to which he had been appointed. A particularly outspoken judge was reprimanded in 1993 for showing "a manifest repugnance" for new procedural rules.

Impartiality is, of course, required. The council had to admonish a magistrate who told the parties in a civil dispute how he intended to judge the affair before the case had opened. French judges are told to speak in a reserved manner, avoiding the sort of expressions that might call into question their "neutrality". In 1993, the President of a regional Appeal Court was disciplined for describing the courtroom attitude of a barrister as "verging on complicity with a fraudster".

If these cases tend to revolve around the sort of difficulties encountered worldwide, then recent inquiries into political corruption have revealed a specifically French problem — publicity. Several investigating magistrates have been disciplined for leaking details to the French press.

To the legal authorities, such acts are a grave attack on the presumption of innocence. The magistrates defend themselves by arguing that unless investigations into political activities appear in the media, they are inevitably stifled by the Government.

The Magistrates' Union says: "At a time when some politicians are calling for an end to the French version of Italy's 'clean-hands operation', we can be worried about the evident risk of exploitation... between the vagueness of the morality [in the report] and the lack of clarity in the [council's] disciplinary measures."

Others disagree. Antoine Garapon, secretary-general of Paris's Higher Institute of Justice Studies, says: "It's not enough to have good laws. You also need good judges."

ADAM SAGE

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IF YOU are in a National Lottery ticket pool, make sure the terms are in writing. Marvin Talley and Weyman Mathis were life-long friends and pooled their money to play the Kentucky Lottery. But when Mr Mathis won the \$6 million (about £3.8 million) jackpot, he denied that the ticket had come from the pool. Mr Talley sued.

"I'm very confident," he told the *National Law Journal*. "I am in a position to prove what I'm saying. This is very disappointing. But I look forward to the day when I can shake his hand and forgive him."

Open season

WITH the contest for the job of president thrown open by John Young's withdrawal over allegations of sexual harassment, things may never be the same at the Law Society.

Walter Merricks, assistant secretary-general, says: "The mere fact that there is an election has changed the character of the situation. Now all candidates should expect a contest. They should also check their alibis for skeletons before they put their name forward."

Mr Hodge, the present deputy vice-president, says: "You cannot take it as being automatic."

Nominations close at the end of May, and with all 75 Law Society Council members eligible to stand, Mr Merricks says that a "lot could happen between now and then."

Tender subject
COMPULSORY competitive tendering (CCT) of local authority services seems likely to



John Young: all change

encounter further obstacles in the wake of a challenge from the Transport and General Workers Union, alleging that CCT is discriminatory.

The union is pushing for action from the European Commission after an Equal Opportunities Commission report that CCT is hitting women harder than men. The union will allege that the Government is not fulfilling its duties under Article 119 of the EC Treaty and under the Equal Pay Directive.

Scales of justice

LEGAL publishers beware. PFAFF Enterprises Inc., an American company, is suing the publishers Bureau of National Affairs. PFAFF claims that it paid too much to settle an action because it relied on BNA's published version of a government chart showing scales of penalties for environmental breaches. A proof-reading error gave the impression that the fines had been larger than they were. PFAFF is claiming \$35,000 in damages.

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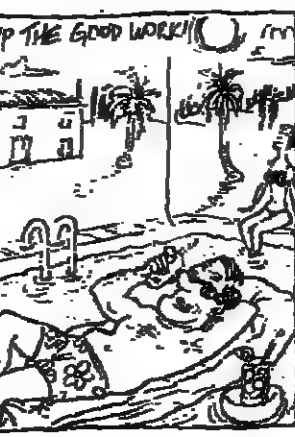
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Retained employees' forms not available

British Aerospace v Green and Others
Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Millett
[Judgment March 23]

Employees selected for redundancy because they achieved low marks in a grading process were not entitled to proceedings for unfair dismissal before the industrial tribunal to discovery of the assessment forms of those employees who were not made redundant.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing appeals by D. C. Green and 233 other former employees from a decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal on January 25, 1994 that they were not entitled to discovery of assessment forms of those employees of British Aerospace, Warton who were not made redundant when they were dismissed in November 1991.

Mr Jeffrey Burke, QC and Mr Brian Carr for the employees; Mr John Hand, QC, for the employer.

LORD JUSTICE WAITE said that the employer had been a genuine situation of redundancy, was called upon to make 530 redundant out of a workforce of 7,000.

Each worker was awarded marks according to a prede-

mined formula assessing eligibility under criteria common to all participants. The 530 who achieved the lowest score were dismissed.

In industrial tribunal proceedings, 235 claimed their selection for redundancy was unfair and from those, lead or sample cases were chosen in an attempt to determine the issues.

The employer disclosed the marks scored by all the assessed employees and all the applicants' assessment forms.

The applicants contended that it would be essential to the process of nominating sample applications that they should be given discovery of the assessment forms of all employees who had not been dismissed, in order that a comparison could be made of the respective ratings, under each criterion, of those members of the workforce who had been dismissed and those who had been retained.

Discovery was granted at a preliminary hearing, by the industrial tribunal chairman but her order was overturned by the Employment Appeal Tribunal.

The industrial tribunal chairman was required to direct her mind to the question "what discovery is necessary for disposing fairly of the application at the stage which it has reached at present, namely the selection of sample

cases?" In answering it she was required to take account of the fact that the application of the system was not attacked in any specific respect, and that there was therefore at that stage no issue to which the retained assessments could be claimed to be relevant.

The appeal would be dismissed.

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT said criticism of the fairness of selection for redundancy could take the form of a challenge to the fairness either of the system or of the manner of its application in practice.

It was for the applicants to make clear the basis of their attack on the selection process. The applicant must demonstrate on an application for discovery that discovery was necessary for disposing fairly of the action.

Unless a document was relevant to some issue in dispute, its disclosure and production could not be necessary for the fair disposal of the case. Discovery was not ordered to allow the applicant to discover whether there was an issue he could raise.

An applicant was not entitled to say: "The process was unfair: I do not know in what respect it was unfair: I want discovery in order to find out."

Discovery of the selection forms

in the present case could be relevant only to the fairness of the manner in which the selection process was performed. Counsel had been unable to formulate an issue to which discovery of the documents which he sought would be relevant.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said part of the trouble was that the applicant had never been formulated in writing in such a way as could justify ordering discovery of the documents.

The case for discovery had begun to emerge only from oral submissions. It was highly desirable that such a case should be formulated in writing with proper particularity before consideration was given to an order for discovery.

In cases of mass redundancy, in his Lordship's opinion, it would be only in rare and exceptional cases that the assessment forms of other employees not made redundant would be relevant.

That was because the tribunal was not considering whether those employees were unfairly not made redundant, but whether the applicant was unfairly dismissed.

Solicitors: Rowley Aspinwall, Wimbledon; Nightingales, Manchester.

No unqualified right for EU citizens to stay

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Vitale
Regina v Same, Ex parte Do Amaral
Before Mr Justice Judge
[Judgment March 16]

Citizens of member states of the European Union did not have an unqualified right to reside in any member state as and when they might wish. Article 5a of the EC Treaty (now 46a), as inserted by article 6 of the Treaty on European Union (1992 OJ C224), did not create such a right as article 46 of the EC Treaty, limiting such a right, remained in force unreppealed and unamended.

Mr Justice Judge so held giving a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division in Northwick following a hearing in London when dismissing applications for judicial review of decisions made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department and conveyed in letters to the applicants, Vittorio Vitale and Ricardo Do Amaral.

The applicants were citizens of Italy and Portugal respectively and were resident in the United Kingdom and had been in receipt of income support while seeking work.

The letters under challenge had, inter alia, informed each applicant that, as he was not seeking work with a genuine chance of obtaining it, he was in the United Kingdom in a non-economic capacity and had become a burden on public funds and was therefore not lawfully resident in the UK under EU law and should make arrangements to leave the country.

No steps were to be made to enforce the applicants' departure but the effect of the decision was to end the applicants' rights to income support.

Mr Peter Duffy for Mr Vitale; Mr Alper Riza, QC and Mr Leon

Treaty relating to workers would have in effect rendered nugatory without having been amended or repealed. That was improbable.

His Lordship said that Council directives, case law of the Court of Justice of the European Communities, Commission reports and academic writings all reinforced that view.

Having reached that clear conclusion his Lordship resisted the temptation to refer the question to the European Court for its consideration.

The relevant principles of UK law could be summarised, fairly briefly.

His Lordship assumed for present purposes that when the applicants entered the UK they did so exercising their rights under Community law and required no leave. They then both ceased to be economically active.

When the relevant letters were sent they were properly founded on the principles accepted by the European Court in *Case C-282/89 R v Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Antonissen* [1991] ECR I-745.

There was no justifiable basis for disturbing the conclusion that at the material time neither applicant was a worker seeking a genuine prospect of obtaining it. Accordingly, if they were not entitled to remain in the UK under the provisions of article 48 their right to do so, if any, would arise under article 5a(1).

Article 5a provided two distinct rights, the right to move freely within the territories and the right to reside freely. Neither right was freestanding nor absolute. It was expressly and unequivocally subject to limitations and conditions contained in the EC Treaty.

The existence of limitations and the potential for extending the rights of citizens were acknowledged in article 5a, as well as expressly included in article 5a(3). Article 5a did not provide every citizen of the Union with an open ended "right to ... reside freely within every member state."

Meanwhile article 48 itself was pre-empted, unreppealed and unamended. So far as "workers" were concerned they were permitted to stay or remain on the basis of the conditions laid down in article 48, the measures produced to implement that article and its interpretation by the European Court.

If the contrary were true the express provisions of the EC

Whether agricultural work is principal livelihood

Welby and Another v Casswell
Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Millett
[Judgment March 23]

A person derived his principal source of livelihood from his agricultural work on a holding, within the meaning of section 36(3)(a) of the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986, where the usual work of his income was money borrowed to carry on the work.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by Mr Thomas Andrew Casswell from Mr Justice Casswell's decision in *Welby and Another v Casswell* [1994] 1 WLR 1494.

Mr Casswell's landlords, Sir Richard Bruno Gregory Welby and D & S Farms Ltd, from a decision of a land tribunal on Mr Casswell's application.

Mr Derek Wood, QC and Mr Martin Morgan for the applicants; Mr Paul Morgan, QC, for the landlords.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said that the landlords let 147 hectares of land at Casterton Farm in Lincolnshire to the applicants' father, from March 1981 until his father's death in September 1988 the applicant worked full time on the farm as a partner with his father.

In December 1988 the applicant sought, under section 39 of the 1986 Act a determination that he was entitled to a tenancy of the holding in succession to his father. The tribunal made a determination in the applicant's favour.

At the request of the landlords the tribunal stated a case for the opinion of the High Court. The judge allowed the landlords' appeal on the case stated, holding that the applicant could not satisfy the condition, relating to eligibility to succeed, stated in section 36(3): "... eligible person means ... any person who is or has been engaged in agriculture ..."

The critical question was to what extent if any it was fair, in the light of the reasons for the delay, to reduce the applicant's award.

The seven years ending with the date of death of his ... principal source of livelihood throughout a continuous period of not less than five years, or two or more discontinuous periods together amounting to not less than five years, derived from his agricultural work on the holding ...

Mr Morgan submitted that to four out of the potentially relevant seven years, the applicant's share of any profits of the farm was less than 50 per cent of the money the applicant drew from the partnership bank account to live on. It followed that in those four years more than 50 per cent of the money which the applicant drew from the partnership bank account to live on was derived from his share of the profits of farming the holding.

Accordingly, in those four years the applicant's principal source of livelihood was not his share of the profits of farming the holding.

Mr Wood submitted that, as a matter of ordinary language, a person who had no significant source of income other than his drawings from a partnership account and was entitled to make those drawings because he was engaged full time in agricultural work on the holding, derived his livelihood from that work.

His Lordship's judgment, Mr Wood's submission was to be preferred. The submission should be construed in a purposive manner and not by adopting too legalistic an approach.

Livelihood could be defined as "means of living," namely, what was spent or consumed for the purpose of living. The source of one's livelihood, in so far as it was money, was income.

The applicant's only income came from his work on the holding. In the form of his drawings on the business account of the partnership.

Although, as a matter of strict legal analysis, the money of a partnership business was no different from the money of the partners themselves, and therefore, if money was lent to the business it was lent to the partners, in common parlance one would say that the applicant derived his income from the business; one would not go further to see how the business was financed.

Lord Justice Millett delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Waite agreed.

Solicitors: Mills & Reave, Cambridge; Burgess Salmon, Bristol.

Defence ought to be pleaded sooner

Trump Leasing Ltd v Sanders
Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Millett
[Judgment March 23]

A fundamental defence of no or past consideration that had been raised in the closing address by counsel at the trial and which raised mixed issues of fact and law ought to have been pleaded, in accordance with the spirit of the times of openness and frankness so that the issues to be tried and upon which a defendant sought to rely were clearly set out before the parties and the court at the commencement of the trial.

The Court of Appeal (Lord

Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice O'Connor) so held on March 23 when dismissing the appeal of Charles Kenneth Sanders against the decision of Judge Charles Harris, QC, in *Trump Leasing Ltd v Sanders* [1993] 1 WLR 1493, not to allow an amendment of his defence that was of considerable importance prevented any enforcement by the plaintiff, Trump Leasing Ltd, of a guarantee and indemnity agreement signed on January 28, 1988, between himself and the plaintiff.

His Lordship said that the defence of no or past consideration was a fundamental defence of no or past consideration that had been raised in the closing address by counsel at the trial and which raised mixed issues of fact and law ought to have been pleaded, in accordance with the spirit of the times of openness and frankness so that the issues to be tried and upon which a defendant sought to rely were clearly set out before the parties and the court at the commencement of the trial.

The Court of Appeal (Lord

Unreasonable to make council pay compensation

D (a Minor) v Director of Public Prosecutions, R (a Minor) v Same
Regina v Bursley Crown Court, Ex parte Lancashire County Council
Regina v Preston Crown Court, Ex parte Same
Before Lord Justice Leggatt and Mr Justice Buxton
[Judgment March 31]

Where a local authority was found to have done everything that it reasonably and properly could to protect the public from a young person in its care who was guilty of an offence, it would be wholly unreasonable and unjust that it should be ordered to pay a compensation order under section 55 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933, as amended by section 26 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988, section 127 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 and section 5(1) and (2) of the Criminal Justice Act 1991.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment in granting two appeals by way of case stated brought by Shropshire County Council against decisions of justices and two applications for judicial review of decisions of the crown court, when dismissing appeals from the justices, brought by Lancashire County Council and in all four cases quashing compensation orders made against the councils following findings of guilt recorded against young persons in their care.

Mr James Townsend, QC and Mr William Rickaby for Shropshire County Council; Mr John F. M. Maxwell for the prosecution; Mr John Townsend, QC and Ms Nan Alban-Lloyd for Lancashire

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LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT, giving the judgment of the court, said that the approach to compensation prescribed by section 55 was in two stages.

First, the court had to consider whether "the case would best be met by the imposition of a fine or costs or the making of a compensation order 'whether with or without any other punishment'."

It was at that stage that the court had to decide whether the victim had suffered a loss that deserved to be compensated.

If so, the court was obliged or empowered, depending on the age of the offender, to make an order for payment against the parent or guardian with the substitution, in cases where section 55(5) applied, of the local authority for the parent or guardian.

The court's exercise of that duty or power was only prevented in cases where it would be unreasonable to make an order for payment having regard to the circumstances of the case.

That broad test applied equally to a parent or guardian and to a local authority but its application would necessarily differ according to circumstances.

Where a parent had been responsible for the bringing up of a young person it might be difficult to show that it would be unreasonable to make an order for payment against a parent, although such cases could arise.

A local authority's position with regard to young persons in its care or for whom it had provided accommodation was, however, different from that of a natural parent or guardian.

A local authority might often be entrusted with the duty of or be obliged to provide accommodation

for a young person who was already an offender or who was of criminal or anti-social propensity.

The steps that the local authority should or lawfully could take to restrain such a young person might well be limited.

The structure of the Act indicated that the local authority had the same right to assert unreasonableness as did a natural parent; and the particular circumstances of a local authority with care obligations made it entirely appropriate that the local authority should be able to try to demonstrate, just as might a parent, that it had done all that it reasonably could, within the limits of its powers over the young person, to keep the young person from criminal ways.

Where, therefore, as in some of the instant cases before the court, the local authority was found to have done everything that it reasonably and properly could to protect the public from the young offender, it would be wholly unreasonable and unjust that it should bear a financial penalty.

That would place the local authority in a position worse than that of a natural parent: a result that the Act specifically excluded.

It had been submitted that a factor tending towards the imposition of liability to pay compensation upon a local authority was the fact that compensation was designed to compensate the victim.

While that might be a factor tending towards to make orders, it was not the correct approach having regard to the terms of section 55.

Solicitors: Mr S. W. Matthew, Shrewsbury; Crown Prosecution Service, Shrewsbury; Mr G. A. Johnson, Preston; Crown Prosecution Service, Preston.

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL said that the judicial review applications turned on whether the relevant authorities had been denied access to the applicants' houses, and the subsequent determinations as to pay housing benefit. Such benefit depended on subsidy paid by the secretary of state, and the proportion paid was 95 per cent.

Regina v Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, Ex parte S

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MR JUSTICE SEDLEY said the board had failed to weigh the significance of the delay against the reason for it.

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Was delay justified?

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MR JUSTICE SEDLEY said the board had failed to weigh the significance of the delay against the reason for it.

The critical question was to what extent if any it was fair, in the light of the reasons for the delay, to reduce the applicant's award.

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Court should give consideration to whether remedy is available in other jurisdiction

Union Carbide Corporation v BP Chemicals Ltd
Before Lord President (Lord Hope), Lord Mayfield and Lord Cullen
[Judgment March 9]

As a general rule, where a party to proceedings in England sought from the Scottish court an order requiring another party to the same proceedings in England to disclose information, the Scottish court should pay particular regard to the question whether the same or a similar remedy would be available in the jurisdiction where the party sought to be disclosed was domiciled.

The First Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session so held, refusing a reclaiming motion made by BP Chemicals Ltd against an interlocutor of the Lord Ordinary granting an order under section 1 of the Administration of Justice (Scotland) Act 1972 as applied by section 28 of the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982 in a petition brought by the Union Carbide Corporation.

Mr James Taylor for BP; Mrs Anne Smith, QC and Mr David Johnston for Union Carbide.

THE LORD PRESIDENT said that the Lord Ordinary's order, given by Lord Cullen, was not persuaded that the Lord Ordinary had exercised his discretion in a way which would justify their Lordships' interfering with his decision.

There were, however, some matters of principle and practice on which his Lordship wished to comment.

The question whether the petitioners would be able, with the information that was already available to them, to provide all the particulars required by the rules of the English court was one that could be decided only by that court.

Yet it was by reference to that same matter that the petitioners sought the order from the Scottish court. The situation in which the Scottish court was placed in such a case was a difficult one.

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TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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4.45	Lecher (A)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2	165.00	Redwood	185	+	27	1.2	11.00	Marine East	39 1/4	+	17	1.2	267.00	Marine Co	22 1/2	+	11	6.0
22.50	Lecher (B)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2	165.00	Redwood	185	+	27	1.2	11.00	Marine East	39 1/4	+	17	1.2	267.00	Marine Co	22 1/2	+	11	6.0
5.25	Lecher (C)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2	165.00	Redwood	185	+	27	1.2	11.00	Marine East	39 1/4	+	17	1.2	267.00	Marine Co	22 1/2	+	11	6.0
4.45	Lecher (D)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2	165.00	Redwood	185	+	27	1.2	11.00	Marine East	39 1/4	+	17	1.2	267.00	Marine Co	22 1/2	+	11	6.0
4.45	Lecher (E)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2	165.00	Redwood	185	+	27	1.2	11.00	Marine East	39 1/4	+	17	1.2	267.00	Marine Co	22 1/2	+	11	6.0
4.45	Lecher (F)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2	165.00	Redwood	185	+	27	1.2	11.00	Marine East	39 1/4	+	17	1.2	267.00	Marine Co	22 1/2	+	11	6.0
4.45	Lecher (G)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2	165.00	Redwood	185	+	27	1.2	11.00	Marine East	39 1/4	+	17	1.2	267.00	Marine Co	22 1/2	+	11	6.0
4.45	Lecher (H)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2	165.00	Redwood	185	+	27	1.2	11.00	Marine East	39 1/4	+	17	1.2	267.00	Marine Co	22 1/2	+	11	6.0
4.45	Lecher (I)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2	165.00	Redwood	185	+	27	1.2	11.00	Marine East	39 1/4	+	17	1.2	267.00	Marine Co	22 1/2	+	11	6.0
4.45	Lecher (J)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2	165.00	Redwood	185	+	27	1.2	11.00	Marine East	39 1/4	+	17	1.2	267.00	Marine Co	22 1/2	+	11	6.0
4.45	Lecher (K)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2	165.00	Redwood	185	+	27	1.2	11.00	Marine East	39 1/4	+	17	1.2	267.00	Marine Co	22 1/2	+	11	6.0
4.45	Lecher (L)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2	165.00	Redwood	185	+	27	1.2	11.00	Marine East	39 1/4	+	17	1.2	267.00	Marine Co	22 1/2	+	11	6.0
4.45	Lecher (M)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2	165.00	Redwood	185	+	27	1.2	11.00	Marine East	39 1/4	+	17	1.2	267.00	Marine Co	22 1/2	+	11	6.0
4.45	Lecher (N)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2	165.00	Redwood	185	+	27	1.2	11.00	Marine East	39 1/4	+	17	1.2	267.00	Marine Co	22 1/2	+	11	6.0
4.45	Lecher (O)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2	165.00	Redwood	185	+	27	1.2	11.00	Marine East	39 1/4	+	17	1.2	267.00	Marine Co	22 1/2	+	11	6.0
4.45	Lecher (P)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2	165.00	Redwood	185	+	27	1.2	11.00	Marine East	39 1/4	+	17	1.2	267.00	Marine Co	22 1/2	+	11	6.0
4.45	Lecher (Q)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2	165.00	Redwood	185	+	27	1.2	11.00	Marine East	39 1/4	+	17	1.2	267.00	Marine Co	22 1/2	+	11	6.0
4.45	Lecher (R)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2	165.00	Redwood	185	+	27	1.2	11.00	Marine East	39 1/4	+	17	1.2	267.00	Marine Co	22 1/2	+	11	6.0
4.45	Lecher (S)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2	165.00	Redwood	185	+	27	1.2	11.00	Marine East	39 1/4	+	17	1.2	267.00	Marine Co	22 1/2	+	11	6.0
4.45	Lecher (T)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2	165.00	Redwood	185	+	27	1.2	11.00	Marine East	39 1/4	+	17	1.2	267.00	Marine Co	22 1/2	+	11	6.0
4.45	Lecher (U)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2	165.00	Redwood	185	+	27	1.2	11.00	Marine East	39 1/4	+	17	1.2	267.00	Marine Co	22 1/2	+	11	6.0
4.45	Lecher (V)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2	165.00	Redwood	185	+	27	1.2	11.00	Marine East	39 1/4	+	17	1.2	267.00	Marine Co	22 1/2	+	11	6.0
4.45	Lecher (W)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2	165.00	Redwood	185	+	27	1.2	11.00	Marine East	39 1/4	+	17	1.2	267.00	Marine Co	22 1/2	+	11	6.0
4.45	Lecher (X)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2	165.00	Redwood	185	+	27	1.2	11.00	Marine East	39 1/4	+	17	1.2	267.00	Marine Co	22 1/2	+	11	6.0
4.45	Lecher (Y)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2	165.00	Redwood	185	+	27	1.2	11.00	Marine East	39 1/4	+	17	1.2	267.00	Marine Co	22 1/2	+	11	6.0
4.45	Lecher (Z)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2	165.00	Redwood	185	+	27	1.2	11.00	Marine East	39 1/4	+	17	1.2	267.00	Marine Co	22 1/2	+	11	6.0

ENGINEERING VEHICLES

SECURITY	Company	Price	High	Low	%
1.00	Lecher (A)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (B)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (C)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (D)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (E)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (F)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (G)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (H)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (I)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (J)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (K)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (L)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (M)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (N)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (O)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (P)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (Q)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (R)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (S)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (T)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (U)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (V)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (W)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (X)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (Y)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (Z)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2

MINING

SECURITY	Company	Price	High	Low	%
1.00	Lecher (A)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (B)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (C)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (D)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (E)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (F)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (G)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (H)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (I)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (J)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (K)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (L)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (M)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (N)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (O)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (P)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (Q)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
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1.00	Lecher (V)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (W)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (X)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (Y)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (Z)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

SECURITY	Company	Price	High	Low	%
1.00	Lecher (A)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (B)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (C)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (D)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (E)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
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1.00	Lecher (K)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (L)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (M)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (N)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (O)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
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1.00	Lecher (X)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (Y)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (Z)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2

LEISURE & HOTELS

SECURITY	Company	Price	High	Low	%
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1.00	Lecher (B)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (C)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (D)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (E)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (F)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (G)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (H)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (I)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
1.00	Lecher (J)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2
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1.00	Lecher (Z)	19 1/4	+	1	3.2

A graphic of a keychain. It features a bottle-shaped tag with a circular logo on its front. The logo contains the text "EAT H A M" at the top, "H" in the center, and "W E G R O" at the bottom, separated by dots. A key is attached to the chain, and a small, dark, shield-shaped tag is also present.

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Productivity	379	+ 4	55	15.4	170	1985-1994	170%	+ 4	12.10	0.93	5,000	Tech 1985-2012	97%	+ 2	0.29	0.48
5.29 PMGT	17	-	4		505	1985-1994	12%	+ 4	12.11	0.04	800 <td>Tech 1985-2012-15</td> <td>96%<td>+ 4</td><th>0.29</th><th>0.29</th></td>	Tech 1985-2012-15	96% <td>+ 4</td> <th>0.29</th> <th>0.29</th>	+ 4	0.29	0.29
5.29 PMGT	153	+ 4	49	23.0	2,680	1985-1994	117%	+ 4	10.15	0.15	1,550	Tech 1985-2012	104%	+ 4	0.25	0.25
5.29 PMGT	302	+ 7	51	16.3	1,200	1985-1994	12%	+ 4	10.11	0.13	1,000	Tech 1985-2012-15	132%	+ 4	0.05	0.48
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72.75 Synthetic Cap	72	1	2.5	\$2.8	10%	4%	8.50	0.12	UNION PAC				
125.33 Fash. Inventory	74	+	1	-	1.00	10% 15% 1992	10%	4%	1.999 Mar 14, 2% 4/5 Thru 2% 25%	+	+	0.20	
200.00 Postcard/Post	321	+	3	5.0	-								
494.50 Util. Franchise	693			4.2	-								
654.00 White Connect	157	+	15	5.3	-								
7.10 Window	21			3.0	71								

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:	10%	5%
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Job	Company	Price	Unit	Vol	Est	Job	Company	Price	Unit	Vol	Est
24 62	Brake Drums	140	EA	43	121	18 99	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
24 63	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 00	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
24 64	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 01	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
24 65	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 02	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
24 66	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 03	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
24 67	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 04	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
24 68	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 05	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
24 69	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 06	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
24 70	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 07	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
24 71	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 08	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
24 72	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 09	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
24 73	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 10	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
24 74	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 11	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
24 75	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 12	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
24 76	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 13	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
24 77	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 14	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
24 78	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 15	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
24 79	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 16	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
24 80	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 17	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
24 81	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 18	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
24 82	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 19	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
24 83	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 20	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
24 84	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 21	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
24 85	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 22	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
24 86	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 23	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
24 87	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 24	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
24 88	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 25	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
24 89	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 26	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
24 90	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 27	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
24 91	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 28	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
24 92	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 29	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
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24 94	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 31	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
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24 96	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 33	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
24 97	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 34	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
24 98	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 35	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
24 99	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 36	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100
25 00	Brake Pads	22	EA	11	11	19 37	Brk Pk	100	EA	15	100

PHARMACEUTICALS	
238.18 98 Biotech	495 - 1
14.70 Cataba Plazma	146 - 10

203.70	Catfish	256	+	W	5,577.70	Almond Sherry	541	-	6	\$2.168	
81.80	Chives	125			213.28	Bacon (4)	494	-	1	3.4 23.8	
42.80	Corn	3	-		60.50	Bon Sherry	102	+	1	4.1 23.8	
1,232.00	Cups	178	-	5	3.1		405	+	7	8.3 18.3	
34,755.40	Wine	713	+	18	4.9 16.5	3,455.40	Grand Wat	208	+	5	4.3 18.3
22.00	Shrimp Fdg	119	+	1	4.3	9,408.00	Whisker	405	+	5	3.7 14.7
548.70	Mint	226	+	10	1.8 15.5	470.10	Highest Dst	354	+	8	2.8 15.9
							294	+	3	8.8	

7,236.20	Switzerland	520	+ 14	3.1	26.0	157.70	Tanzania	144	+ 8	3.9	11.2
6,682.40	Southwest Africa	514	+ 15	3.2	27.1						
6,305.00	West Germany	1081	- 3	2.7	22.8						
6,400.50	Zaire	868	- 17	4.0	20.9						

SUPPORT SERVICES

104.20	ACT Group	110				110					
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PRINTING & PAPER	1,013.00	ADT	130	...	27.8
	15.20	Alphamatic	364	...	7.7
	71.00	Auto Sec	68	...	1.7
	1,070.00	BET Ord	1144	...	38 164
	31.50	BIBS Best	147	...	4.7
	83.10	BPPY	240	...	5.0
	42.10	BSPH	150	...	5.3 11.7
23.40 AG Holdings	130	...	...	...	...
	457	...	...	...	...
	5.4	12.5	...	...	...
	3.7	28.1	...	...	...

2244.50	Spencer	448	-	3.0	14.0	7.80	Brooks Services	88	-	43
836.60	Stowler Inc.	2280	-	1.50		98.20	CT CRT	85	-	48 21.5
78.20	Stromer Int'l	377	+	0.3		84.40	Capitol Group	154	-	27
160.10	Strother	330	+	0.3		895.20	Crabtree Inc.	805	+ 3	27 12.0
6.20	Strother	69	+	0.4	3.4	57.80	Crane People	226	-	1.6
167.40	Strick Corp	126	+	2.3	15.5	41.30	Corp Services	74	+ 3	8.4
205.80	Stroh	130	+	3.5	14.9	24.10	Crosby Controls	52	-	3.5

42.03 Capital Indus	151	- 7	3.8	224.50	Doris Sawyer	219	- 1	5.8 13.3
1,825.56 Cardinal Mt	2252	- 100	2.5	9.16	Dorothy Jenkins	95	- 2	6.2 12.9
19.98 Copper (Ames)	238	-	1.6 12.9	12.40	EW Fast	88	- 1	9.5
1,980.25 Bu. Lr. Sst	862	- 8	3.0 16.2	36.70	El Dora Pk	145	- 4	12. 13.4
4.73 Odeon Group	86	-	3.6 10.0	1,215.10	Hays	299	- 4	37-17.7
22.38 Douglas Park	39	-	6.1	114.00	Flora Robbins	184	+ 1	8.6 18.5
21.40 Elkwater Farm	3	-	6.4 13.7	9.37	Ho. Cn & Delv	149	- 2	14. 15.2

115.30	Jared Potter	947	-	3	2.8	18.1	18.10	Rainbow	16	-	1	4.5	16
444.80	Lew & Bonny	492	-	3	2.2	15.9	34.80	Star Sp	100	+ 21	3	3.5	160
70.30	MY Holdings	57	-	1	4.1	12.8	2.30	Lane-Son	100	-	1	1.0	100
191.80	Macostar	23	-	1	2.4		33.40	LS&S	100	+ 34	1	1.0	100
16.70	Pacthoking	161	-	1	4.7	11.7	27.70	LP	100	-	1	1.0	100
96.50	Pysco	245	-	4	4.3	32.1	203.00	Liquor	300	+ 3	1	1.0	100
343.20	St. Louis	346	-	3	2.8	18.7	85.00	MAST	100	-	1	1.0	100

\$1,517.70	Sage	189	+ 3%	6.4	21.50	HAT Comy	185	-	15	140
5.20	Sage	189	+ 3%	6.4	21.50	MH Dale Mags	94	-	74	110
99.50	Silke	145	+ 1	0.0	81.00	Moon 41	205	-	15	108
\$59.10	South Coast	160	+ 3	2.7	15.0	1,577.10	Monopony	219	+ 8%	62
\$1,917.70	Swamp (Jill)	370	+ 1	1.6	52.4	103.40	Mico Poles	718	-	224
1.80	Synak	84	+ 3	10.1	44.80	Micropay	173	-	10	121
5.00	Tail Cover	75	-		21.90	Miles	164	-	19	117

J.H. Hoffman	140 + 8	29 17.6
A.C. Jones	- - -	24
W.D. P & F.	- - -	33
G.S. Michael Page	170 + 1	23 129
E.A. Parky	- - -	21
S.E. Phillips	140 - 2	26
L.F. Poon	- - -	23
M.O. Prescott	80 - 3	12

\$9.69 Allied Am	77	-	1	.84	8.0
143.29 Argosy	286	-	1	1	
9.29 Atlantic City	(H)	-	2		
BK.10 Asda	112			2.7	363
303.10 Bette	793			8.5	

257.80	Barford	179	-	1	4.8	14.8	33.76	Spencer	98	-	1	4.3	13.3
8.05	Baldwin	178	-	1	4.0	33.2	79.89	Spencer	98	-	1	4.3	13.3
398.40	Br Lant	379	-	1	3.8	38.0	108.36	Spencer	98	-	1	4.3	13.3
398.40	Bibb	177	-	1	4.1	18.7	142.70	Spencer	98	-	1	4.3	13.3
333.20	Barford	175	-	3	2.1	27.9	74.06	Spencer	98	-	1	4.3	13.3
66.10	CLS Hight	174	-	1	4.3		6.86	Spencer	98	-	1	4.3	13.3
66.50	Car & Smith	144	-	1	1.8		37.08	Spencer	98	-	1	4.3	13.3

70.00	Cap Shop Cart	201	44	4.35	Standard Pin	14	3	
3.53	Cashier Pen	400	31	26.1	30.00	Std-Pin	14	7
64.00	Calley Ink	100	31	26.1	20.00	Uniq-Pin	12	1
22.00	Clipboard	100	31	26.1	17.00	Water	40	3
10.00	Crashfield	400	31	26.1	10.00	WSP Inkjet	40	4
37.00	Crashfield Ink	100	31	26.1	64.00	Water Pump	200	3
7.00	Std. Site File	400	31	26.1				

152.20	Dapper	150	37	32.0	15.10	151	151
15.70	Davis Crystals	150	37	32.0	15.10	151	151
2.00	De Morgan	150	37	32.0	15.10	151	151
20.20	Deborah Tye	150	37	32.0	15.10	151	151
25.00	Demco	150	37	32.0	15.10	151	151
70.20	Deviant Midge	150	37	32.0	15.10	151	151
21.00	Development	150	37	32.0	15.10	151	151

20.50	Deputy	4	13	18.9	6,743.00	Vehicles	100	5	2.0	24.4
8.17	Elect	27								
18.00	Estates, Agency	250		0.1						
3.75	Estates, Gen	17								
115.70	Fares, Of Lond	1	3.0	14.0						
25.00	Ex-Land	1	2.0	30.0						
20.00	Genl, Brn	25	1	2.0	22.4					

TEXTILES & APPAREL

9.00 Folios Group IV	20	3	4.8	25.1	1.77	Admiral	71		7.3	
217.00 Fragsters	428	7	3	2.9	16.6	274.30	Salad (Wet)	239	+ 10	8.1
92.20 Gingers	209			2.6	14.3	4.06	Buckhorn (A)	3	- 1	11.1
843.60 Gr Portland	194			1.1	20.7	120.40	Black (Powd)	29	- 1	2.5
159.20 Gypsum	194	3	2.9			11.30	Bibb's-Great	113	+ 7	8.3
65.50 Hauler Capmt	20		0.9			25.50	Br. Midway	102	+ 3	5.8
630.80 Hauler Convoy	20		1.8	10.4		2.00	Cranberry			12.7

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24.50	Lon Marsh Gns	89-1	-1%	3.8	14.7	1.78	Exxon	-7%	-1%	11.8	2.5
207.76	WERC	388-1	+2	8.3	23.1	8.08	Papco	10%	0	14.3	27.8
3.81	McKenney A	6				83.50	PR	10%	0	27	12.7
82.10	McKay Sns	124		4.0	12.8	16.80	Prostate	10%	+1		
18.50	Melville West	14		8.8	7.8	2.24	Proter (Jules)	2%			
17.50	Moorefield East	28	-1%	4.8	12.2	10.10	French	8%	-1%	6.3	11.7
						35.50	Gast SW	8%	-1%	2.8	21.8

\$2.00	Monopoly	125	1.0	7.1	20.10	Reaper	10	1	4.1	42.8
\$22.00	Monopoly (A&J)	125	6.3	19.9	38.80	Rebel	10	1	2.1	
13.00	ORF	1	1.0	1.3	45.50	Rebel Pro	10	1	1.0	1.5
13.40	Reaper Prop	20	1.0		52.20	Hickory Print	204	3	2.5	10.0
155.50	PS7	128	1.2	17.1	30.30	Rebel	20	1	1.3	
161.40	Pail	227	2.7	20.7	4.54	Honeycomb	84	1	0.9	12.1
167.10	Play Prop	160	2.0		42.90	Home Sweet Home	100	1	0.9	0.9

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\$2.70	Soft Met	71	-	4.6	12.3	12.30	Postcard	136	+	4.6	2.2
42.60	Showercap	88	-	1.4	19.2	491.50	Postcard	59	+	4.1	10.8
\$35.20	Staph Echin	214	+	4.7	23.5	13.00	Pillbox	59	-	4.2	19.5
19.50	Stair (2)			5.4	20.7	119.60	Recliner	81	+	7.0	10.4
46.40	Swedish Free	43	+	2.1	...	5.80	Showercap	83	+	6.8	9.7
23.20	Sooty Shop	106		1.5	...	11.70	Richards	59	-	5.0	...
\$3.20	TRA	37	-	1.9	...	7.90	...	...	...	...	...

15.00	Timberland	18	7.1	48.30	Shifting Co.	55	7.1	42.3
4.22	UK Land	44		25.00	Shaw & Flower	35		45-147
97.20	Wasser		7.1	14.60	UK Shipy	35	+	83-117
88.30	Warrant	200	4.2	15.20	Usher (Front)	138	+	89-454
129.00	Wales	85		10.50	Wasson	138	+	72-21
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RETAILERS, FOOD

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278.50	Stake Boss	545	+14	17	17	3,852.20	St. Marys	404	+4	25.10.0
51.30	Redwood	315	-2	4.0	19.1	35.40	Central Tom H	37	-	
3.20	Clydes	12	-			23.50	Champion PG	194	+1	2.4
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81.20	Farmek	350	+1	2.5	18.1	23.20	Ud	140	-	3.3
119.10	Flooden	46	-	6.3	18.4	105.00	Guastavino	4	-	33.14.4

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1930	Wilson, Phil	391		4.9	14.7	1.29	14.70	318	- 1	5.9	12.7
						1.29	12.90	75		5.1	11.0
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47.30	Avon	113	+	1		
48.00	Ballroom	49	+	5	7.5	5.0
19.80	Bayco Ltd	34	+	4	8.3	
239.90	Beauty Shop	150	-	13	1.7	13.9
306.37	Bonds	517			3.7	15.5
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	Canal				2,100.00	
	Canal				621.10	
	Canal				494	5.74
	Canal				347	4.3
	Canal				500	5.3
	Canal				85	8.4

19.01	Wheat & Jordan	24	...	...	1,211.00	Wheat	62	-	3	15.17
20.01	Brown Pot	215	-	6	25.18	124.70	Southern	2150	-	32.24
20.04	Brown	184	+	2	22.38	167.50	Southern	22	+ 27	62.27
15.60	Calumet	183	...	...	4.9	167.75	Southern	582	+ 10	51.84
20.70	Calumet	273	-	1	28.19	1,650.00	Thames	...	-	4.9
22.35	Calumet	145	+ 75	...	...	167.50	Wheat	616	-	16.15

1.09 Crown Eye	197	-2	6.5	8.1
254.59 F&B Furniture	244	-1	3.7	18.3
GMCO Gas Cap	237	-	3.5	2.2
0.98 Dye (miscellaneous)	560	+3	18.8	27.2

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Forex dealers on alert

European currency dealers return to their desks from the long Easter weekend today and will, for the first time, have the chance to react to Friday's news that Japan cut its official discount rate by 0.75 per cent to 1 per cent and promised to take further action to stimulate the economy.

Dealers in London will have to adjust their positions to respond to the reaction on Wall Street, where markets were open yesterday. Currency movements are likely to continue to dominate the headlines in a week that sees few major statistics.

In Britain, one of the main events will be the publication on Wednesday of the minutes of the March 8 monetary meeting. Since then, Kenneth Clarke and Eddie George have not again and the markets, which widely expect another rate rise after the May 5 meeting, will be looking at the minutes for a clue to official thinking.

Other British statistics include the March public sector borrowing requirement on Thursday. This is crucial because it gives the full-year PSBR. The November Budget projection was for a PSBR of £34.4 billion and median market expectations are for a PSBR in March of £8.5 billion, taking the full-year requirement to £33.7 billion.

Friday sees publication of retail sales figures for March. A rise of 0.3 per cent is expected, taking year-on-year growth in sales to only 2.2 per cent, against 2.6 per cent in February. However, some analysts predict that sales volumes may even have fallen in March.

Among overseas indicators expected this week are US housing starts for March, due today, and February balance of payments figures, due tomorrow. On Thursday, the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank publishes its assessment of the US economy.

Germany will publish producer prices for March, provisional consumer prices for April and M3 money supply figures for March. The Bundesbank meets on Thursday, having cut key interest rates a fortnight ago. Markets will be looking to see if its new variable rate repo is lowered.

The other focus for markets will be the French presidential elections, the first round of which takes place on Sunday. On Friday, Jacques Chirac, the Conservative Mayor of Paris, stretched his opinion poll lead against Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister. The latest opinion poll pointed to a runoff between M. Chirac and Lionel Jospin, the socialist, which M. Chirac was expected to win. The franc may come under pressure before the poll amid concern that M. Chirac is not as committed to the "frank fort" policy.

JANET BUSH

Mirror Group set to resume payout

MIRROR GROUP. Mirror Group, the newspapers group headed by David Montgomery, chief executive, looks set to announce its first annual dividend payout since 1992. The team at NatWest Securities is looking for 3p (nil) a share.

The payout is likely to accompany other good news when Mirror Group publishes results on Thursday, with rising circulations for a number of its major titles and improved advertising. The core Mirror titles are expected to have performed "remarkably well" over the second half of 1994.

Attention will focus on any information that throws light on how the management will address the problem of the *Independent* titles and how circulations will be increased as the newspaper price war continues. The market also awaits news on cost-cutting plans for the future. Switching production to Canary Wharf, in London's Docklands, has already brought savings. News is also awaited on the group's emerging television strategy and any indication of the costs involved.

NatWest believes that the figures may be distorted by pension fund provisions, which could leave pre-tax profits for 1994 at about £71 million (£132 million). Market forecasts range from £71 million to £85 million.

WASTE MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL. The environmental services group, which is the British offshoot of the American giant WMX Technologies, is expected to report slightly lower first-quarter profits - late today, but attention will focus on the group's European markets and any sign that they are turning the corner.

The company accompanied the announcement in February of lower than expected full-year profits with a warning to shareholders not to expect more than 5 per cent earnings growth in 1995 as a result of difficult markets in Europe.

NatWest Securities says that WMI is experiencing reduced profits in Italy, poor returns in Germany and intense competition in France, where losses could continue for the time being. On a brighter note, there should be signs of progress in the increasingly important UK market.

NatWest has pencilled in first-quarter pre-tax profits of £35.7 million (£38.7 million), on in-



David Montgomery's Mirror Group has made savings by swinging into Canary Wharf

creased turnover of £270 million (£256 million), with earnings predicted to dip to 6p (6.4p) a share.

SMITHKLINE BEECHAM. UBS is looking for first-quarter pre-tax profits of £348 million (£353 million). Market forecasts range from £345 million to £370 million. A quarterly dividend of 3.3p (3p) is expected. The first-quarter figures, due on Thursday, will be distorted by an exceptional profit of about £500 million on SB's \$1.45 billion sale of its animal health division to Pfizer, the US pharmaceutical

group. Including exceptionals, UBS expects first-quarter pre-tax profits of £860 million.

HENRY BOOT. Investors in the housebuilder should be rewarded with an improved dividend of 7p (6.5p) tomorrow. UBS expects final pre-tax profits to climb to £8.1 million (£7.6 million). The results will be another guide to the state of the housing market, and prospects for summer and autumn.

HOUSE OF FRASER. In spite of strong Christmas sales, up by

about 10 per cent, pre-Christmas mark-downs and increased marketing spend saw margins stay under pressure, which is likely to have taken a toll on the department store group's full-year results.

Final pre-tax profits, due on Thursday, are expected to dip to £36 million (£38.2 million), according to NatWest Securities. Market forecasts range from £36 million to £38 million. However, an improved dividend of 5.5p (5p) is predicted.

Gross margins are expected to be down about 1 per cent, though a marked improvement is expected

in the current year as the group moves to close poorer-performing stores and end its exceptional promotion spend. Analysts do not see House of Fraser breaking through the pain barrier in the current year, but promotions are likely to be more value-added, rather than discounting. Attention will focus on comments about current trading and prospects.

IBSTOCK. The brickmaker is expected to announce a return to the black on Thursday. The recession, which so badly scarred the construction industry, left the group in the red in 1992 and 1993. However, UBS forecasts a pre-tax profit of £11 million for 1994, against a loss of £18.7 million. A maintained dividend of 1p is predicted.

News is awaited after recent confirmation that Istock had approached Tarmac, the construction giant, about acquiring its bricks interests. Industry experts estimate that a deal could be worth about £60 million. Any move would reinforce Istock's position as Britain's third-largest brickmaker, behind Hanson and Redland.

Istock has been concentrating on its brick operations after increasing its capacity by 25 per cent, with two acquisitions in Scotland. Istock's brickmaking capacity was raised by 50 million bricks to 400 million last year. It also unveiled plans last month to sell its 56.3 per cent stake in Companhia de Celulose do Caíma, the Portuguese forestry and pulp group, with the stake estimated to be worth £46.7 million.

A combined share of about 50 per cent of the UK market for bricks is held by Hanson, with an estimated 30 per cent, and Redland, with about 20 per cent. Istock, which is conducting due diligence studies on Tarmac's brick operations, has a 10 per cent market share, while Tarmac, Britain's fourth-largest brick maker, has between 5 and 8 per cent. An acquisition of Tarmac's brick businesses would give Istock's enlarged operations up to 18 per cent of the UK market.

Any such move would see Britain's top three players carve up virtually 70 per cent of the brick market, which is widely expected to result in consolidation, viewed by analysts as positive for the industry as a whole because it may allow useful price rises as market positions are leveraged.

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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: Automated Security (Q1), Five Oaks Investments, Regina, Upton & Southern, Waste Management International (Q1).
Finals: Arian.

TOMORROW

Interims: Premium Underwriting, Finco Henty Boot & Sons, FQ Group, Jefferson Smurfit, Orel Group, River & Mercantile Gear, Capital, Toys & Co. Economic statistics: Minutes of monetary meeting (March 8).

THURSDAY

Interims: Centregold, Albert Fisher, SmithKline Beecham (Q1), WEG Group, Finals: Brown & Jackson, Computerised Financial Solutions, Eycare Products, Gowings, Havelock Europa, House of Fraser, Istock, Jackson Group, Linton Park, Mirror Group, Tullow Oil, Economic statistics: Marketwide production (March), public sector borrowing requirement (March).

FRIDAY

Interims: Deutschland Investment Corporation, Lowland Investment Company, Finals: Bullers, How Group, HC Slingsby, North Atlantic Smaller Companies, Reed Executive. Economic statistics: Earnings sales and orders at current and constant prices (February), retail sales (March), financial statistics (April).

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy BBA, Eycare, Sell What Everyone Wants, The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Ferguson Intl, Scotia, Sell Sun Alliance, The Observer: Buy Havelock Europa, Goldsmiths, Stakis, Sell Laura Ashley, The Independent on Sunday: Buy Bunt, John Mansfield, Severfield-Reeve, The Mail on Sunday: Buy Blenheim, Severfield-Reeve: Sell Bodycote, Alvis.

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Offer sidelines new electricity meters

By ROSS ITEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

PLANS to introduce "intelligent" electricity meters that would enable Britain's 24 million households to buy power from the cheapest supplier around the clock have been sidelined by Offer, the electricity regulator.

Experts charged with preparations for competition in the household market are expressing mounting concern about the problems of running a market that would need more than 1 billion transactions to be recorded each day.

Warnings that effective monitoring and billing systems cannot be in place by 1998 are a severe blow to

government plans to introduce competition for household electricity supplies to coincide with the extension of competition in the gas market. Offer has been forced to fall back on a compromise scheme that will sort most customers into charging bands according to their pattern of power use - a process called "profiling".

Minutes from the first meeting of the 1998 Co-ordination Group, set up by Offer in January, say: "The preferred solution is likely to feature a mixture of profiling and half-hourly metering." Only the largest homes are likely to have intelligent meters, the minutes show.

These proposals will sacrifice Offer's core aim of achieving efficiency gains by persuading families to trim electricity consumption at periods of peak power demand. High-tech electronic meters would have automatically enabled householders to exploit cheap off-peak supplies to run appliances, replacing existing Economy 7 schemes.

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In a compromise move, Professor Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, ordered the executive committee of the "Pool" wholesale market to

draw up plans for processing purchases and billing customers using a variety of "profile" schemes. But the executive, made up of electricity company chiefs, is still seized by billing difficulties that arose when competition was extended to small firms last year.

In a report to Professor Littlechild, expected this month, the executive is expected to press for competition to be based on simple charging bands to avoid the risk of chaos between generators and suppliers.

These would enable rival suppliers to buy power for households on the basis of standardised demand patterns. But critics say that without proper safeguards focused on consumers, the entire thrust of the Government's strategy of freeing-up electricity markets now risks being undermined.

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Littlechild: compromise

WORLDWIDE TRADING

Answers from page 22

STOTINKA

(a) A Bulgarian unit of currency, one-hundredth of a lev, a coin of this value. From the Bulgarian word. "The monetary unit is the lev, or lion, nominally equal to the franc, with its submultiple, the stotinka (pl -ich, or centime).

THUGGY

(a) The headman of a village, from the Burmese, also *thooqee*. "Old thuggee" with their grey hair knotted behind their heads."

TRITICALE

(a) A hybrid cereal grass, of the genus *Triticosecale*, produced by crossing various species or varieties of wheat and rye. From the modern standard by which the competitors are marked. From a slow start in the 1950s triticale is now growing on more than half a million hectares, in the USSR, Europe, the United States and South America."

VORLAUFER

(a) A skier who travels a course before a race in order to establish a standard by which the competitors are marked. From the German *vorlaufen* precursor, *vorlaufen* to run on ahead. "As a result of the vorläufer's times, the announcer forecast a winning time in the region of 1.55 to 1.60 minutes."

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German mark 2.2289 (+0.0100)
Exchange index 84.4 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

FT 30 share 2448.7 (-7.4)
FT-SE 100 3208.8 (-2.1)
New York Dow Jones 4206.18 (+15.58)
Tokyo Nikkei Ave 16438.78 (+719.29)

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Bank of America	15.20
Bank of Canada	44.25
Bank of China	2.336
Bank of India	0.882
Bank of Japan	0.87
Bank of Korea	0.78
Bank of London	2.18
Bank of Mexico	1.58
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This thinking relies on a magnificent illusion: that average financial returns can be much higher than, and divorced from, the growth of the economy. In 1980s America, financial engineering fed this illusion. Returns on shares could be improved by substituting loans for equity. As recessions remind the thoughtless, however, gearing has the opposite effect in thin years.

In Britain, this investment illusion reflects the excessive power of big institutional fund managers over the companies they invest in. It mirrors the illusion of the 1970s, when trade unions ruled the roost, that wages could keep growing faster than productivity and output. In individual cases, overweening power can suspend reality; for a while. Demands for cash from utilities, for instance, boosted returns until regulators noticed. Over time, reality will out: across the stock market and across the economy.

investment in expansion, generating more growth and higher living standards. Some entrepreneurs and companies are doing just that — for instance, by using the cash flow from rationalised businesses to fund new developments that may be risky but could be highly profitable.

Many more cannot see the opportunities — except for investment in further cost-cutting — because they have to peer over an artificially high hurdle called the required rate of return on new investment. Last summer, a CBI study found that most medium-sized manufacturers were still demanding a three-year payback on new investment. Of

Harbour Lights, Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.

For a seasoned journalist, Derek Jameson asks some strange questions this morning. He has bought a house in Shoreham, on the south coast, where animal rights' protesters campaign against the export of livestock. "Do you think," he asks one protester, "that these calves and sheep know they are in a cargo of death?" And, surely, the last thing you would expect one inhabitant of Shoreham to ask another is: "What sort of place is it?" Good question, Jameson. Let's see some good responses. The first comes from a local knight and protester's lawyer, who says what he wants him up if he drops off when boats enter the harbour to pick up more meat on the hoof. Peter Davall

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7.00pm BBC Breakfast News
8.05pm Sport News
8.25pm Why Don't You?
9.00pm News
10.00pm Eastenders - The East Enders
10.30pm Good Morning with Anne
12.00pm News
12.30pm Regional News
1.00pm One O'Clock News
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2.15pm FILM: Perry Mason
2.30pm Dispatches
3.00pm Money
4.30pm Mad Max
5.00pm Weather
5.30pm Neighbours
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6.30pm Regional news magazine
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Dramas, crises and little local difficulties

We move in small worlds, blinkered by parochial passions: we can grow fraught over hiccups that would seem trivial to people living by different yardsticks.

OK, so your dry cleaner ruined your favourite Issey Miyake frock by not realising, when he put it under the steam press, that it was supposed to look as creased as an accordion. That's certainly pretty distressing if you're nothing else to wear, and you're invited for drinks at seven. But peek at life in the new South Africa through the prism of Channel 4's documentary, *In A Time of Hope* and ask it as distressing as side-stepping muggers' bullets in Soweto?

That's not a question that nags at Alice and Martin Jordan, whose world is smaller than most. They are the family around whom Joanna Trollope's *A Village Affair* (ITV) spins. Last night, when they arrived in the hamlet of Pitcombe,

Alice (Sophie Ward), Martin (Nathaniel Parker), and their children had little more to worry about than the drawing room. But we knew something was amiss, because every now and then Alice winced and smiled simultaneously in that facial shorthand for "I may look as sleek as a swan on the surface, but underneath my feet are paddling like hell to stay afloat."

Trouble came in the shape of Clodagh (Kerry Fox), the too-plucky-for-her-own-good daughter of local toffs Sir Ralph and Lady Unwin. She's recently back from New York, recovering from a bruising affair. She befriends Clodagh's chumminess and makes an unwanted pass. Alice misreads Clodagh's chumminess and is jolted when Clodagh confesses that the New Yorker was a woman, and that, actually, Clodagh fancied Alice. And the once reserved Alice

embraces lesbianism as matter-of-factly as a diner who has tried of reading the menu and opts suddenly for the chef's special. Surprise: Martin is not pleased. The locals, who thought a dyke was something that holds back water, are scandalised at this sexual depravity now gushing through the village — which is pretty rich considering all those curious court cases you read about in rural newspapers.

That's village affairs for you. Is this drama? Is it even crisis? Maybe, if you measure out your life in Georgian silver coffee spoons. In Soweto, where they measure out their lives in police statistics, it might seem something of an idyll.

In *Night Shift*, last night's first half of *In A Time of Hope* (Channel 4), we spent 12 bleak hours between Friday night and Saturday morning in Soweto —

REVIEW



Joe Joseph

South Africa's crime capital — trailing the Flying Squad, an ambulance driver, and a gangster-turned-nightclub owner: 200 people die violently here every month, police include.

"It's out of control," sighed the pot-bellied former gangster, missing the days when organised crime was organised by chaps like him. "If you want to stop the river, you must go to the fountain, right to the

top and close it up and then you'll dry the river." Soweto clearly means a dyke more badly than Pitcombe.

You can decipher the Flying Squad's priorities when you see how they deal with a drunk at the wheel: "You seem to be under the influence of liquor," said the copper. "You must drive very carefully home. Very, very carefully." When you are dashing from murder to rape scene, who has time for breathalysers?

"I heard my mother crying out in the night," a glazed man told the police later on, "she's saying that she's been raped by three men. I go outside and they're gone." The mother is in her sixties. The culprit, guessed the ambulance man, shaken but not shocked, are likely to be in their twenties.

The police keep moaning: "You can't beat such a good young daughter," the captain told a child-bearing father while his children

and waiting wife looked on. "What did he want to do?" the captain asked Pinkie, the daughter. "Burn me," Pinkie replied. No sooner had the incredulous captain crumpled back into the seat of his patrol car than the intercom crackled alive again: "Tango Papa, nice one. There's a dead guy here. Looks like a 9mm."

The ambulance was already at the scene: "What makes crime escalate is unemployment," said the paramedic, offering a destination but no route map.

The second documentary in the programme, *Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday*, tracked the men and women who creep from Mozambique into South Africa to find work, many to find a life. Every week 300 get deported home, only to creep back again, yo-yoing between border and illegal, backroom jobs until they are flushed out once more.

Some get shot vaulting the border. But they reckon that living as a pauper in Mozambique is a fate worse than death. "You psyche yourself," one man said, "that should death come, that is fine. All this is due to wanting work."

But distress, like a Dulux chart, comes in many colours, not just Pitcombe Purple and Soweto Sepia. In *Film 95 Special* (BBC 1), the wildly talented Woody Allen, was winning about his art: "I have had some definite creative failures," he told Barry Norman. "And I've had, you know, some personal failures where the film may make money or do well with the critics and may be fun, but what I set out to do originally I didn't accomplish."

We feel for Woody, but after Soweto, we don't have tears left to weep for him. As Tom Stoppard noted: "For every thousand people, there's 900 doing the work, 90 doing well, nine doing good, and one lucky bastard who's the artist."

BBC1

- 6.00am Business Breakfast (65266)
- 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (31316505)
- 9.05 Sweet Kats. Animated adventures (7829388)
- 9.25 Why Don't You...? (a) (2384470)
- 10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1484708)
- 10.05 EastEnders — The Early Days. Michelle gives Lolly a new look (j). (Ceefax) (2334933)
- 10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (5724050)
- 12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5866673) 12.05pm Public Mail (a) (2738302)
- 12.55 Regional News and weather (58634876)
- 1.00 One O'Clock News and weather (Ceefax) (73302)
- 1.30 Neighbours (a) (Ceefax) (38663234)
- 1.50 Going for Gold with Henry Kelly (a) (5866708)
- 2.15 FILM: Perry Mason — The Case of the Desperate Defendant (1950). Perry sits through five decades of international intrigue to prove the innocence of a US Marine. Starring Raymond Burr, with Barbara Hale, William R. Moses, Ian McShane and Yvette Mimieux. (Ceefax) (74224)
- 3.50 Monty (1200418). 3.55 Film: The American Tails (5891760). 4.20 Walt... on Earth (5777321). 4.35 Malt Marlan and Her Merry Men (3877788)
- 5.00 Newsround... (1707682). 5.05 The Lowdown (4798953)
- 5.35 Neighbours (a) (Ceefax) (740760)
- 6.00 News and Weather (Ceefax) (741)
- 6.30 Regional news magazines (321)
- 7.00 Do the Right Thing. On the panel are Tony Hawks, Eve Pollard and Gary Bushell. (8128)
- 7.30 EastEnders. The Altders are shell-shocked by the night's revelations (a) (Ceefax) (505)
- 8.00 A Question of Sport. Ian Botham is joined by Kyril Bracken and Mark Foster, while Bill Beaumont lines up with Neil Cairn and Steve Smith. (a) (Ceefax) (7878)
- 8.30 It Ain't Half Hot, Mum. The Road to Russia. The concert by the band is interrupted in a remote part of the North West Frontier (j). (Ceefax) (3333)
- 9.00 Nine O'Clock News: Regional News and Weather (Ceefax) (5091)
- 9.30 QED: Chief. (Ceefax) (a) (14012)
- 10.00 Blackadder the Third: Amy and Amiability. The Prince Regent is low on cash and so Edmund sets out to find a suitable bride with a dowry so that he can marry. With Rowan Atkinson, Tony Robinson, Miranda Richardson and Warren Clarke. (j) (Ceefax) (56741)
- 10.30 Omnibus: Perry and Croft — the Siccons. (Ceefax) (a) (25470)
- 11.30 FILM: Distant Thunder (1989). Vietnam veteran Mark Lambert abandons his family and heads off into the mountains. His teenage son sets out to find his father, with violent consequences. Starring John Lindsay, Ralph Macchio, Kerie Keane and Rob Brown. Directed by Rick Rosenthal (502459)
- 1.05am Weather (5863900)

BBC2

- 8.00am Breakfast News (Ceefax and signed) (7631302) 8.15 Westminster On-Line with Sir Bernard Ingham (a) (7192673)
- 9.00 The Power Game. A four-part documentary on what goes on behind the scenes at Washington DC powerbrokers engage in political warfare (28496)
- 10.00 Playdays (a) (4343189)
- 10.25 World's Jokester. The fifth day of the World Championship at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield (a) (3781785)
- 12.00 See I Hear! Father Peter McDonough reports from Jerusalem on the Easter story. (j) (a) (signed and signed) (3854)
- 12.30pm Working Lunch. Business, consumer and world news (58415) 1.00 Melvin and Hobbes: The Music-a-Go-Go (a) (7330185)
- 1.15 World's Jokester from Sheffield (a) (7204547)
- 3.00 News and weather followed by Westminster with Nick Ross (a) (Ceefax) (1212418) 3.50 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (2833557)
- 4.00 World's Jokester. The climax of the match between Steve Davis and Andy Hicks. (a) (5805)
- 6.00 Fresh: Prince of Bel Air. American teen comedy (a) (Ceefax) (584944)
- 6.28 Heartbreak High. Rivers tries to antagonise the new teacher. (a) (Ceefax) (333963)
- 7.10 The Tick. Animation (213654)
- 7.30 East: Blasphemy. Pakistan's blasphemy laws are being used by some Muslim fundamentalists to settle old scores, hindering Pakistan's bid to be viewed as a liberal Islamic state. (a) (Ceefax) (147)
- 8.00 Poul: Play. An award-winning investigation by journalist Jeremy Adams uses secret cameras to record the illegal bloodsport of cockfighting in Northern Ireland. (5418)
- 8.30 The O.J. So Beautifully Suggestive. A celebration of the artist Edvard Munch as an engineer. An individualist, his creativity was reflected in almost every nut and bolt of his creations. Chris Goffey reports from Venice. (Ceefax) (4925)
- 9.00 Film of P.M. Comedy series with Richard Herring, Stewart Lee and Peter Baynham. Suggestions for making meals with Twilets. (a) (Ceefax) (5863)
- 9.30 World's Jokester from Sheffield. (a) (58215)
- 10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (519444)
- 11.15 World's Jokester. Highlights from the fifth day of the World Championship in Sheffield (a) (704708)
- 11.55 Weatherview (1737302)
- 12.00 The Record. Today in Parliament (a) (30618)

BBC2

- The Holylands: A Troubled Peace Channel 4, 9.00pm
- An impressive start to a three-night series, this documentary records life in the Gaza Strip before and after the peace accord between Israel and the Palestinians which removed Israeli soldiers from the Occupied Territories. The first half sticks with the two sides in Jabelya — a notoriously violent refugee camp. The patrolling Israelis are wary, homesick and fed up. "We didn't come here to catch kids but to protect our homeland." Their enemies, it seems, are mainly the "stone children" of infidels. Will the peace be everything both sides have longed for? Alas, an electric fence is erected along the border and riots erupt. But at least champion stone thrower Mohammed, aged 13, gets to meet his hero Yasser Arafat.
- QED: Chief BBC1, 9.30pm
- This is one of those awesome stories of personal courage which somehow makes the viewer feel inadequate. Michael Caines, at 25, landed the job as head chef at a prestigious hotel in Devon. (He had already been tipped for stardom by French superchef Raymond Blanc.) Then, tragedy: Michael's car rolled over a barrier and his right arm was totally severed. Two weeks later he was back in the kitchen of Gidleigh Park Hotel and has even been awarded a Michelin star. Dissatisfied with the cable-and-straps arm he had been given, Caines went to America to find an arm that was more to his liking, more "state of the art." John Groom's film crew went with him.
- Writers David Croft, Jimmy Perry (BBC1, 10.30pm)
- Omnibus: Perry and Croft — The Siccons BBC1 10.30pm
- "Their writing is so seamless you can't see who does what," says Bob Monkhouse of Jimmy Perry and David Croft. Certainly their classics don't seem to date. Watching clips from *Dad's Army* and *It Ain't Half Hot Mum*, spooling along into the more technicolour era of *Hi-de-Hi!*, the secret becomes obvious: the characters are even richer than their lines and, as Croft admits, "we soon started writing to suit their personalities." Culture historian Jeffrey Richardson compares the Perry/Croft characters with Dickens and the music in Shakespeare — citing their "snappy eccentricity, basic decency and eternal boyishness." Says John Whitefield: "The real question is, were they a good laugh — and those two men gave us lots of good laughs. Their humour shouldn't be dissected."
- Network First: Confession ITV, 10.40pm
- Confession offers the first-hand account of a volunteer activist who spent eight years in the IRA and who was at one point under sentence of death from the movement's hierarchy. His admission that there came a point when he could no longer justify the struggle, politically or morally, is reminiscent of the recent BBC2 drama *Life After Life*. "It is now totally opposed to political violence and to the ideology which we have heard his literary details on how he went about his murderous business — how he selected and stalked potential victims and how one particular mission went disastrously wrong and led to the killing of an 11-year-old schoolboy." Elizabeth Cowley

CARLTON

- 6.00 GMTV (1219514)
- 9.25 Chain Letters (2120760) 9.55 London Today (7893388)
- 10.00 James Bond Junior (47499)
- 10.30 FILM: Mysterious Island (1961). Fantasy-adventure based on Jules Verne's sequel to 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea. Directed by Cy Endfield (1229501) 12.20pm London Today (6604857)
- 12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (9781302)
- 12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (970321) 1.25 Emmerdale (a). (Teletext) (73250031) 1.55 A Country Practice (a) (86668789) 2.20 Vanessa (a) (58667128)
- 2.50 Dogs with Dumber Dr Ian Dunbar reveals some fascinating insights into our relationship with canines (1980876)
- 3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (4053078) 3.25 London Today (Teletext) and weather (4045050)
- 3.30 Allsorts (a) (a) (5821147) 3.40 Tots TV (j) (a) (5821149) 3.50 Twinkle the Dream Being (j) (a) (5821150) 4.00 Bugdie the Little Helicopter (j) (a) (5821151) 4.15 The Legends of Treasure Island (Teletext) (a) (7192151) 4.40 Johnny and the Dead (Teletext) (a) (7181079)
- 5.10 After 5 with Carol Keating (Teletext) (4782302)
- 5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (384334)
- 5.55 Your Show. Viewers' opinions (586296)
- 6.00 Home and Away (j). (Teletext) (437)
- 6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (789)
- 7.00 Emmerdale (Teletext) (3295)
- 7.30 Everyday Lives: Step by Step. The stories of Sophie who is determined to become a ski instructor, despite the loss of both her legs below the knees; and Ray, who has lost his hands and feet, but runs his own business (873)
- 8.00 The Bill: Your Witness. Desklin puts pressure on a witness to give evidence. (Teletext) (a) (2544)
- 8.30 My Good Friend. Comedy series starring George Cole. (Teletext) (a) (1079)
- 9.00 Peak Practice: Bedside Manners. The new trainee makes a controversial decision. Starring Kevin Whately, Amanda Burton, Sam Shepherd and Gary Mavers. (Teletext) (a) (4885)
- 10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (11437)
- 10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (574498)
- 10.40 Network First: Confession (Teletext) (52012)
- 11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (576469)
- 12.40am Endeavour League Extra (7125180)
- 1.25 FILM: The Stone Killer (1973) starring Charles Bronson. A former New York policeman is out to foil a Mafia plot to wipe out an entire non-Sicilian faction of the mob. Directed by Michael Winner (783884)
- 3.10 The Little Picture Show (954242)
- 4.05 America's Top Ten (a) (8332155)
- 4.35 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (j) (37475618)
- 5.00 Vanessa (j). (Teletext) (a) (50635)
- 5.30 ITN Morning News (55971). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

- 6.35am Spiff and Hercules (7482499)
- 7.00 The Big Breakfast (58925)
- 9.00 Little Wizards (j) (95866)
- 9.30 California Dreams (5833673)
- 9.55 GameMaster (a) (5831632)
- 10.25 Batman: King Tut's Corp. Batman is bogged by camouflage (337895)
- 10.50 The Adventures of Tintin (j). (1162236)
- 11.20 Puffball's Summer (j) (5722418)
- 11.50 The Legend of White Fang (j) (9616050)
- 12.15pm Tartytoons (581925)
- 12.30 Sesame Street. The guest is Michael Chang (j). (92789) 1.30 Dr Snuggles (j) (26557)
- 2.00 Food File (j) (a) (Teletext) (3050)
- 2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the 2.35, 3.05, 3.40 and 4.15 races (a) (55505)
- 4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Elimination quiz game with William G Stewart. (a) (Teletext) (586)
- 5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show: Spying on Your Kids. Parents who belong to an organisation which aims to get out-of-control kids back on track — and that can mean employing private investigators. (a) (Teletext) (4074425)
- 5.50 Tartytoons (581147)
- 6.00 Baby's 8: All Alone in the Night. Sheridan is captured by aliens and experimented on before Nanova comes to the rescue. (a) (Teletext) (583321)
- 6.55 Tartytoons (757654)
- 7.00 Channel 4 News and Weather (Teletext) (583050)
- 7.50 The Slot. Viewer's soapbox (582168)
- 8.00 Affair Express. Diamonds from Guinea, the Mossesberry family disaster and township tourism in South Africa. (a) (Teletext) (3806)
- 8.30 Brookside. Carl tries to do the right thing, and Ron indulges in corporate espionage (a) (Teletext) (5231)
- 9.00 The Holylands (a) (Teletext) (2437)
- 10.00 FILM: Paper Moon (1991). Paul McCann as a restless London hospital porter who is looking for a change of direction. When one of the hospital's promising young doctors is killed in a car crash, he assumes his identity. With Amanda Donohoe, Frederick Treves and Tom Wilkinson. Directed by Christopher Munn. (a) (Teletext) (4385)
- 12.00 The Kids in the Hall. Canadian comedy copsers with Dave Foley, Bruce McCulloch, Kevin McDonald, Mark McKinney and Scott Thompson (j). (a) (52844)
- 12.30am Italian Football — Mezzanotte. Inter v Milan (54155)
- 1.30 FILM: The Great Gatsby (1949). Drama starring Gregory Peck as a 19th-century writer who falls for Ava Gardner and turns to gambling to win her back from casino owner Melvyn Douglas, to whom her father, Walter Huxtable, was married. Directed by Robert Siodmak. Ends at 3.25 (252557)

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Fisons holds takeover talks with rival Medeva

BY SARAH BAGNALL

Fisons is in takeover talks with Medeva, a rival drugs group that could carry a price tag of about £900 million, Medeva's smaller of the two companies, yesterday confirmed that discussions were under way. Christopher Fisher, a director of Lazard's, the merchant bank advising Medeva, said: "Talks are taking place, but they are at an exploratory stage and may not lead to an agreement."

Medeva shares last week rose by 14.2p - 7 per cent - on the back of speculation that Fisons was poised to make an offer. Analysts think that a successful bid would cost Fisons about 300p a share - a 73.4p premium to Medeva's closing price of 226.4p on Thursday.

Any offer is expected to be funded by a mixture of cash and shares. Medeva said that the deal was likely to be effected by means of a recommended offer. Fisons is well placed to finance the deal, having, in recent months, undergone a radical restructuring that will leave it with an estimated £500 million in net cash when completed. Furthermore, Stuart Wallis, chief executive of Fisons, last week said: "Several banks have approached us offering to lend us substantial sums of money. And if we choose, we can issue paper for a transaction now that the share price has moved up."

Shares in Fisons closed last Thursday at 178p, compared with a low for the year of 103p. The companies began informal discussions several months ago, but initially these were limited to possible licensing deals. The talks have broadened in the past couple of weeks to include a full takeover.

As a result of Fisons's restructuring the strategies of the two companies overlap. Medeva, once a stock market star until a profits warning in 1993, makes its earnings by buying in products that are too small for the giants of the industry. This is a niche area that Mr Wallis has identified for Fisons. Both companies also have strong sales and marketing networks.

Medeva would also fulfil Mr Wallis's desire to bolster Fisons's presence in respiratory drugs. He said: "We need to be bigger in this market. I think you have to be a leader in a market or not in it. I want Fisons to be number two behind Glaxo in the respiratory area."

Tokyo's action fails to aid dollar

By Ross TUDMAN

THE dollar traded close to its all-time low against the yen in New York yesterday as it became clear that Japan's economic recovery package has failed to stem the pressure behind the rise in the Japanese currency.

While Robert Rubin, the United States Treasury Secretary, pledged his belief in a strong dollar to reporters in Delhi, the dollar traded at just 82.04 yen in New York. Canadian authorities intervened repeatedly in an effort to prevent their currency appreciating against the dollar.

Currency traders are now focusing on new talks between the United States and Japan over Japan's massive surplus in trade in cars and car components with the US.

Discussions under way in Washington centre on American demands that Japan remove alleged barriers to the sale of American cars and components in Japan. US officials say that the trade in cars and parts accounts for around two-thirds of Japan's \$60 billion surplus with the United States.

Discontent with Japanese 0.75 per cent discount rate cut, to one per cent, and a package of supposed economic stimulus measures, unveiled on Friday, was clear in the currency futures market, where the yen continued its rise.

The Japanese currency has now strengthened by more than 20 per cent against the dollar in the past 12 months, including a rise of 15 per cent since January 1.

Mr Rubin said that he was reserving judgement on the Japanese stimulus package. "It would be premature to judge until you saw the full specifics," he said.

Rob Branson, chief economist at Nikko Securities in New York, said that the dollar was now clearly undervalued against the yen, but while America continued its "Japan bashing", instability would prevail.

He added: "The real danger is that this is driving Japanese investment offshore to countries in the Pacific Rim where they can compete against American firms with even lower costs."

"It is the only thing that is more absurd than a Lewis Carroll story."

United Gas returns to political fray

By MELVYN MARCUS, CITY EDITOR

UNITED GAS, which shot to fame a year ago when *The Times* disclosed that the company's directors had created ten gas enterprises based in a terraced house in Fulham, London, has returned to the spotlight.

The Conservative MP Alan Duncan, a member of the Commons committee examining the Gas Bill, has tabled an amendment that would oblige British Gas to convert Transco, its transportation arm, into a legally distinct subsidiary.

United Gas, the most vocal member of the UK's independent gas supply industry, has emerged as one of the strongest supporters of Mr Duncan's amendment.

Earlier this month, Peter Bryant, vice-chairman of United Gas, and Roger Turner, managing director, let it be known that one of the company's main recommendations was that Transco "must be legally separated from the rest of the British Gas organisation and effective regulation secured". United Gas says: "This would have the additional benefit of providing a constructive resolution of the current future over utility salaries."

How such a manoeuvre would resolve the debate over the pay of utility-company directors is far from clear. Nor is it clear whether United Gas is prepared to encourage similar action among the regional electricity companies (RECs). United Gas holds minority stakes in gas trading companies in partnership with six RECs, including Norweb, South Western Electricity and Western Electricity. The question arises of whether such RECs

Marketing's registered address is at United Gas's Tophill Street headquarters. Under the original terms of the gas release scheme - initially presided over by the Office of Fair Trading - no one entity was permitted to make more than one application. The latter, if not the spirit, of the regulations could be complied with if ownership of further companies were kept below 50 per cent. In the event, Mr Bryant owned 71 per cent of Airpoint, but less than 50 per cent directly or indirectly, of the other Hestercombe Avenue companies.

Inquiries by *The Times* reveal that the "Hestercombe Ten" have all changed their year ends. Financial year ends of between March 8 and March 16 of 1994 would have implied report and account filings by January 1995. In the event, all ten companies have changed their year ends to December 31, 1993, and did

not trade during the previous nine months. No filing of the annual report and accounts will be required for 1994 until November 1995. It would appear that if the year end had not been changed, the reporting year would have included almost six months (from October 1993 to March 1994) of the second-release gas year. As the companies are all shown as having not traded in the nine months to December 31, 1993, it must be presumed that in the last three months of 1993 no gas was taken. If it had been, a profit or loss would have had to be shown on trading.

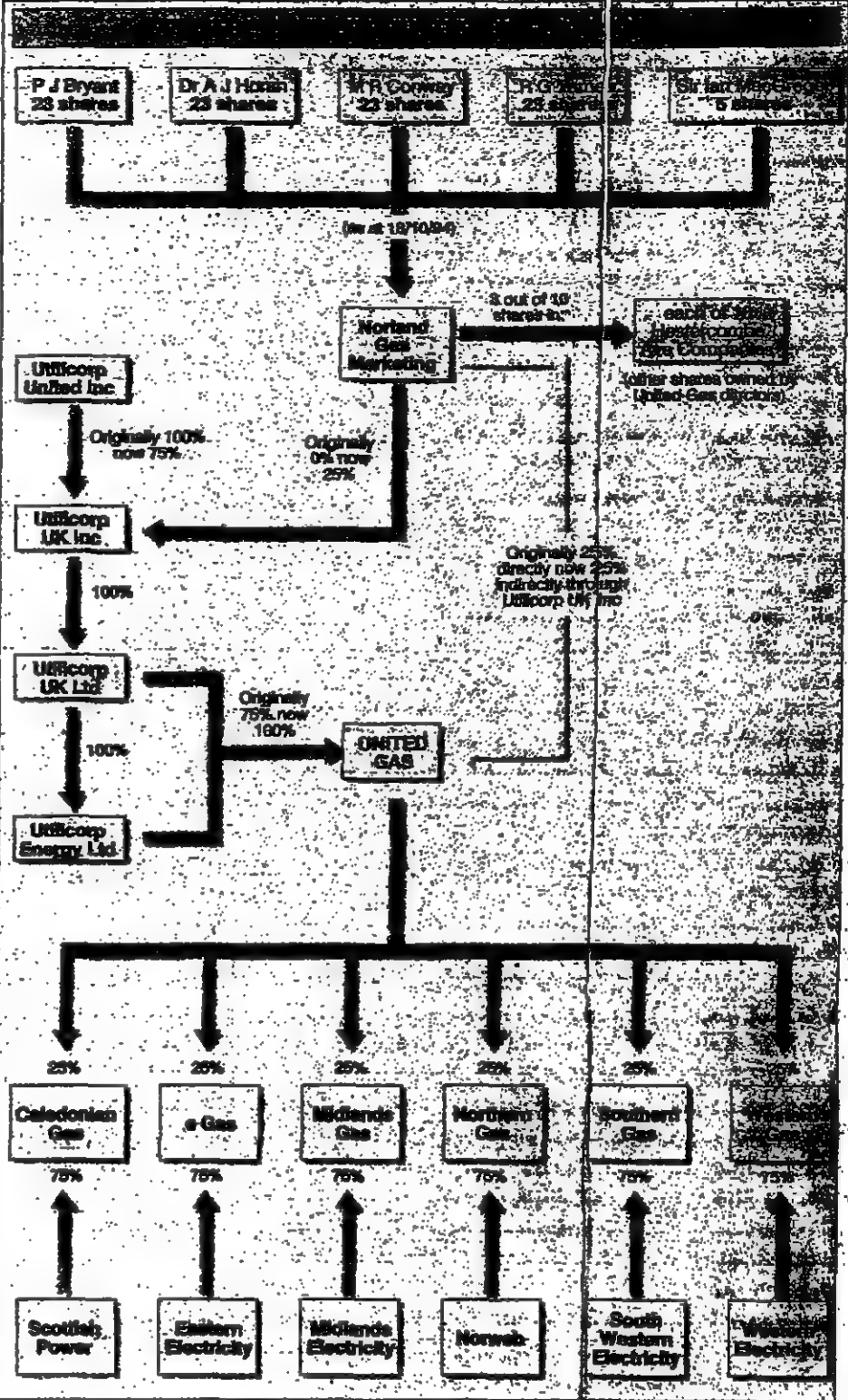
It would also appear that the last day for filing annual returns for the "Hestercombe Ten" was April 5, 1995. As of last week, such returns had not been filed.

Between May and July 1994, changes took place in the ownership structure of United Gas. Norland Gas Marketing no longer holds a direct 25 per cent stake in United Gas. Its interest is now held through a 25 per cent stake in Delaware-registered Utilicorp UK Inc.

United Gas has filed accounts for 1993. Notes relating to directors' emoluments point out that £900,000 (£625,000 1992) was paid "to a fellow subsidiary undertaking" for the consultancy services of Mr Bryant, Mr Turner and Mark Conway, who are also directors of the company. According to the note "these persons were paid £295,357 (£253,456) in their capacity as employees of the same fellow subsidiary undertaking".



No 25 Hestercombe Avenue, base for ten gas companies



Warship builders square up in battle for naval contracts

By ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S leading warship builders and repairers are bidding for up to £1 billion of Royal Navy support-service contracts as the Ministry of Defence brings delayed market testing plans into effect.

Chief among the attractions is an invitation to buy the Royal Maritime Auxiliary Service (RMAS), which deploys more than 200 vessels and 1,600 employees at naval bases around Britain, and use its assets to provide back-up to the Royal Navy under a five-year contract. A panel of private bidders is competing to undertake its responsibilities, which range from fueling to laying mines and recovering torpedoes.

Another plum on offer is a £100 million-a-year contract to manage Portsmouth dockyard, the biggest naval base in Britain. Private bids are also being invited to run a string of naval training establishments

and take over two key naval test facilities on the west coast of Scotland. A panel of four companies has been invited to submit tenders to take over management of the Kyle of Lochalsh range, where torpedoes and underwater equipment are tested, and the Rona range, where the sonic signatures of vessels are recorded.

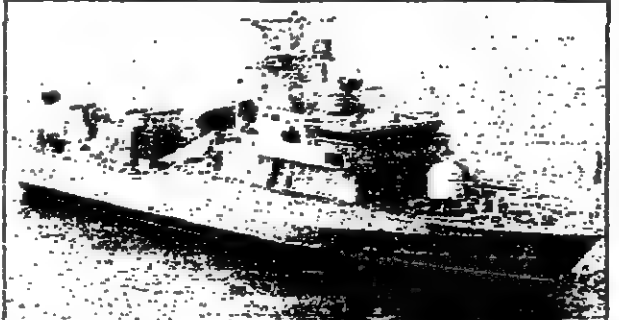
Front runner for many of the contracts is Vosper Thornycroft, the Southampton shipbuilder that is trying to use its Seawork subsidiary to build a services arm to complement its warship design and construction business.

Vosper already runs its own naval training establishment at Portsmouth, near Portsmouth. Although primarily directed at training crews for

the warships it sells to overseas navies, the school has training contracts with RMAS and HM Customs.

Vosper could also cut the cost of maintaining the RMAS fleet by timing maintenance and refits to smooth the flow of work through its facilities. Because of its expertise Vosper has also been invited to bid to run the training schools and Scottish ranges. It is also keen to take over running the Portsmouth yard, which is close to its own slipways.

Competition will be keen, however. Babcock, which runs Devonport Royal Dockyard, has also targeted naval service contracts for expansion. It has already won a naval dockyard contract in New Zealand and is bidding to buy the Rosyth facility. GEC-Marconi, the defence supplier that owns the Yarrow warship yard on the Clyde, has been invited to tender for the Scottish ranges.



Vosper already trains crews for its ships sold overseas

Called to current account

By OUR CITY STAFF

MORE than six million people - representing about a fifth of all bank and building society current account holders - are dissatisfied with their account, according to a survey by Abbey National.

However, they take little action to switch accounts, with 60 per cent of those surveyed believing that the products and services of rivals are similar.

Penalty charging is the major reason for dissatisfaction, followed by general service charges and the low rate of interest paid on accounts in credit.

Abbey's survey estimates that there are some 36 million accounts in the UK, with

79 per cent of people over 16 holding a current account. Accounts are distributed across all classes and age groups, but the greatest concentration is in the 25 to 44 age group, with 84 per cent penetration.

This compares with 76 per cent of those aged 65 plus having accounts and 49 per cent of those aged 16 to 24.

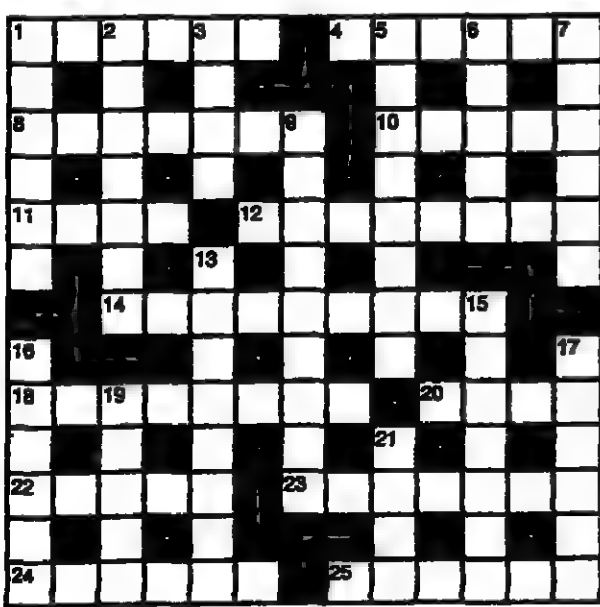
According to the survey, some four million account holders are sufficiently disillusioned with their banking relationship to have considered switching to another institution. Most have been thinking of moving their account for up to two years - but tend not to.

Charles Toner, managing director of Abbey's retail division, said: "Many

customers think switching is too arduous and sadly continue to accept their lot." However, switching was increasing as people sought better service and returns.

The survey shows that 36 per cent of current account holders have switched accounts to another institution in the past, and 64 per cent have stayed with the bank or building society with which they opened their first account.

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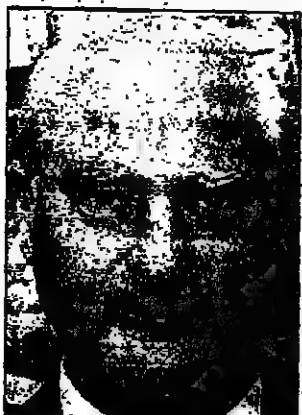
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Progress of Greenbury pay inquiry impresses MPs



Greenbury: thorough

By PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government-backed committee on top executive pay, headed by Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman of Marks & Spencer, is likely to produce recommendations that will defuse considerably public concern about directors' salary and benefit packages.

While MPs on the all-party Commons' Employment Select Committee were largely satisfied last night with the scope and extent of the Greenbury Committee's inquiry after Sir Richard gave evidence to them yesterday, Labour members remain concerned that Greenbury will offer

little to deal with the problem of high pay levels for company leaders.

Speaking to MPs at a private session of the committee, Sir Richard made clear that the inquiry has reached conclusions about a number of key issues, though a significant proportion remain to be decided.

The Select Committee is examining the pay levels, increases and benefits of the bosses of privatised utility companies. MPs called on Sir Richard, whose remuneration as chairman of M&S is £691,000 a year, to give evidence about the work of his committee, which was set up by the Confederation of British Industry at the suggestion of John Major.

As well as making clear that he

finds many recent executive pay rises "distasteful", Mr Major has said that he will consider legislation if the Greenbury Committee recommends it. Sir Richard told MPs that he would be unwilling to appear in public before the Employment Committee for fear of jeopardising his own inquiry's work.

MPs reluctantly agreed to see Sir Richard in private yesterday. The Greenbury Committee, which is likely to report in July, is expected to frame a new code of conduct for companies setting top executives' pay, and may well propose changes in companies' disclosure of directors' pay in their annual reports. Sir Richard's remarks and evidence

cannot be used in the Select Committee's report, which is now expected to be published after the Greenbury recommendations, though they are likely to influence the MPs' findings.

Sir Richard, who spent close on two hours with the MPs, made clear that his inquiry has reached agreement on the idea of a code of practice, and on extensive disclosure of information about directors' pay.

Greville Janner, the Labour chairman of the Employment Committee, welcomed Sir Richard's attendance before MPs, who will next week question Clare Spottiswoode, head of Ofgas, the gas industry regulator.

Mr Janner said that the committee did not favour seeing witnesses in

private, but added: "Sir Richard is still taking evidence, and it would have been impossible for him to have mentioned anything in detail about his inquiry's work in public."

MPs agreed not to disclose Sir Richard's remarks, but committee members from all sides acknowledged they had been impressed by the scope and thoroughness of the Greenbury inquiry's work.

Some Labour members were sceptical about how far Greenbury would deal with the pay levels of privatised utility leaders, as well as the openness with which details of directors' pay are presented.

Mr Janner described the session as "a good meeting — very frank".

Stockbroker fined £200,000 by regulator

By ROBERT MILLER

GREIG Middleton, a leading firm of private client stockbrokers, was yesterday fined a record £200,000 by the Securities and Futures Authority, the regulator for stockbrokers and futures dealers, for breaching a number of its rules in raising money for a special case shelter scheme.

The firm's chairman, Mark Kemp-Ges, was also reprimanded and fined £5,000. Valerie Marshall, the director, most closely concerned with the Second Greig Middleton Enterprise Zone Trust, an unregulated collective investment scheme, was "severely" reprimanded and fined £10,000.

The SFA action is being interpreted as a signal to corporate finance houses in the City that even unregulated investment schemes will fall

under the watchful eye of the regulators.

The Greig Middleton Enterprise Zone Trust raised some £11 million from 300 investors, including soccer star Paul Gascoigne, in 1991. The money was used to buy an office block in London's Docklands originally called Fleet House but subsequently renamed The Mansion.

The investors have formed a decision group to recover alleged losses from the Greig Middleton Enterprise Zone scheme through the courts. The stockbroker had applied to the SFA to adjourn its disciplinary proceedings in view of the court case but this move was rejected by the regulator.

The SFA said Greig Middleton had failed to instruct any external accountants with regard to its enterprise zone trust

and that it had "sought to work to an unrealistically short timetable" in forming the scheme. It said Greig Middleton had also "placed too much reliance upon, and did not sufficiently investigate, incorrect, incomplete and exaggerated representations made by the proposed tenant of the property that the trust was to acquire".

The SFA added that information about the financial position of the tenant and its parent company contained in the trust's particulars and in internal company memoranda was incomplete, inaccurate and exaggerated.

The tenant referred to by the SFA was Seifert Limited, the firm of architects, and its parent company which went into receivership in the summer of 1992.

Anthony Gold, a partner in Eversheds, the solicitor representing some 200 investors in the Second Greig Middleton Enterprise Zone Trust, said last night: "I find it extremely hard to believe that Greig Middleton could not regard the outcome of the disciplinary proceedings as not having a profound effect on the outcome of the civil action. We are looking at the same issues as those which the SFA has now taken disciplinary action on. The prospectus for the enterprise zone scheme talked about a low-risk investment which was capable in the medium term of being sold to an institutional buyer."

Mr Gold added: "Investors will be most encouraged by the decisive signal which the SFA has sent to Greig Middleton. The value of The Mansion is now understood to be less than £25 million and the building is still unlet."

Brian Tora, a director of Greig Middleton, said: "This was not a big fine by industry-wide standards. The costs involved, including the fines, will be met by the original shareholders of Greig Middleton before last year's purchase of the firm by King & Sharron. There has been no suggestion of dishonesty on the part of our business. We no longer act as sponsors to enterprise zone trusts and we have reviewed our compliance procedures as a consequence."

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Upon & Southern, the department store group, is reviewing the future of Reject Shop, which dragged it into the red in the first half. Ronald Trenter, above, who took over as chairman last month, said all options were on the table as the group reported a pre-tax loss of £12 million, compared with a profit of £92,000 last time. Tempus, page 26

Pru hit by pension mis-selling fallout

By SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

THE fallout from the pension mis-selling scandal continues to take its toll at Prudential, the UK's biggest insurance company that is being officially investigated by Lauro, the industry regulator.

Prudential, which has 9 per cent of the personal pensions market, yesterday revealed that sales of single contribution pensions fell from £66 million to £8 million in the first quarter of 1995. It said this reflected tough market conditions and adverse publicity surrounding pensions mis-selling.

At the start of the year, Prudential has seen a change in chief executive after Mick Newmarch resigned following a dispute with regulators. He has since been replaced by Peter Davis, a former chairman at Reed Elsevier.

The company has also felt the impact of new disclosure rules on charges that slowed down the sales process. Worldwide sales of single contribution life, pensions and investment products rose slightly to £1.6 billion, while sales of

regular contribution products fell 16 per cent to £116 million. Prudential said that worldwide sales of life and pension products were relatively healthy in the year to March 31 given market conditions.

Single premiums grew 5 per cent to £1.5 billion while annual premiums fell 9 per cent to £105 million. The sharpest declines were in sales of regular payment investment products halved to £11 million, while single contribution investment products fell 64.5 per cent to £33 million.

In the UK, total regular contributions dropped 14 per cent to £73 million. Single contribution sales fell 21 per cent to £579 million, partly reflecting an 18 per cent fall in life and pension sales to £588 million.

Analysts think industry-wide sales were down by up to 30 per cent in the first three months of 1995. This reflects the adverse publicity surrounding pensions mis-selling, a weak housing market, and the new disclosure rules.

Bank to take over Knight Williams

By ROBERT MILLER

SINGER & Friedlander, the merchant bank, yesterday announced that it is to take over the management of £400 million worth of assets currently held by Knight Williams, the controversial independent financial adviser that specialises in retirement income planning. The 20,000 KW investors will vote on the proposed deal next month.

The deal ends a period of uncertainty over the future direction of Knight Williams. Last August, the adviser was fined £50,000, with costs of £23,400, for ten rule breaches. In November, the Securities and Investments Board, the chief City watchdog, announced that it was brokering a complaints handling procedure between Knight Williams and an action group of dissatisfied investors. Knight Williams has also been criticised by MPs and the Consumers' Association.

Singer & Friedlander said it would make an initial payment of £5 million. Further payments, which are not expected to exceed £12 million,

will depend of the amount of money actually transferred from five of KW's funds to the merchant bank's investment funds based in Dublin.

The merchant bank yesterday emphasised that the payments will not be made to benefit KW directors or other individuals in the company. Tony Fraher, chief executive of Singer & Friedlander Investment Funds, said: "The payments will be made to companies within the Knight Williams Group in order to strengthen their finances, including those of the company handling claims from complainant investors. We are not taking on any liabilities."

Kenneth Jordan, founder of the Knight Williams action group, said last night: "We have 250 people who have lodged complaints through the SIB-inspired channel. I have been reassured that the level of compensation will be realistic... I do believe that many aged members of the action group will shortly be able to put this sad experience behind them."

Dollar stays on downward path

By JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE dollar continued to drift towards its all-time low yesterday as European dealers returned from the Easter holiday and gave the thumbs down to Japan's interest rate cut and package of promises on cutting the country's huge current account surplus.

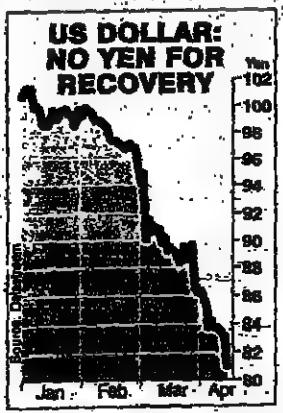
The Bank of Japan had intervened repeatedly overnight to support the dollar, but it failed to make any headway and continued to drift during European trading, hitting lows around the ¥81.30 mark, very close to its record low of ¥80.15. The US currency also slid to DML3650, not far from its all-time low against the German currency of DML3450.

The markets were disappointed with Friday's 75 basis point cut in Japan's official discount rate and the vague nature of the package designed to stimulate the Japanese economy. Now dealers are looking towards next week's meeting of the Group of Seven

in Washington to see whether leaders can come up with anything firmer to arrest the slide in the dollar.

Reports yesterday also suggested that trade talks between America and Japan on trade in cars and car parts were not going well.

The French franc yesterday fell more than three centimes against the mark in nervous trading before this weekend's first round of the presidential elections.



Deutsche joins two Tunnel link bids

By PATRICIA THIAN
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

DEUTSCHE BANK is competing against itself for a role in the construction of the £3 billion Channel Tunnel Rail Link project.

The bank's London structured finance team is a member of the Union Link consortium, which is advised by Morgan Grenfell. Deutsche's London investment banking operation, meanwhile, project financiers at Deutsche Bank in Frankfurt are part of the rival Green Arrow consortium.

The two are competing against the two consortia regarded as favourites, London & Continental, which includes Virgin, Bechtel and SG Warburg, which is also financial adviser, and Eurorail, with Trafalgar House, NatWest, and BICC, advised by Kleinwort Benson.

The four groups submitted bids to the Department of Transport last month, and two of them will be eliminated next month. The winner is due to be selected by September.

"The decision to join rival consortia required the approval of the Deutsche Bank board and other participants."

One of the Union Link consortium members said: "An institution like Deutsche Bank has the ability to erect the appropriate Chinese walls where necessary." He dismissed speculation that the two bids, which have a strong German presence, might merge, though if one of the German bids were to be shortlisted, members of the other one might be invited to participate, he said.

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□ Currency markets still defy logic □ Life insurers are learning a hard lesson □ Bass departure blazes a trail

Europe's turn on the rack

LENT showed foreign exchange market operators at their silliest and most arrogant. The weeks after Easter may be different and — perversely — less ebullient. But the antics are likely to remain as silly.

How much does it take to stop the dollar falling against the yen? More than a near-halving of the official Japanese short-term interest rate, judging by the first day's trading after Friday's 0.75 point cut. This had been widely dismissed as inadequate before the event. But the second day started much more circumspectly. The very absence of definite direction was a plus for beleaguered Japanese industry.

The dollar had been plunging heading against the mark and the yen since the final days of last year. After the Bundesbank cut German rates, the dollar's rate against the mark stabilised, though it remained weak. There was certainly no evidence of a rebound. Speculators merely focused on the yen, taking it to the start of 1995 almost to 80.

Should dollar/yen rates become a two-way bet again, such a pattern might well be repeated. Extrapolating from what happened to the mark, no-one should pronounce with much confidence for at least a month on whether the yen/dollar trend remains intact, has stabilised or

been reversed. If the dollar/yen does stabilise, however, there is again no reason to expect an early or dramatic reversal.

With a lack of imagination typical of the foreign exchanges, yesterday's dealings saw attention switch back to the mark. More likely, the next real project for speculators would be to mount another assault on European currencies still linked to the mark. At election time, the French franc would be an obvious coconut to shy at.

While the dollar is at the heart of currency turmoil, pressure is bound to remain on the governments that sponsor other currencies. America is too big and powerful to need to do the adjusting, unless funding from abroad dries up. Some Japanese investors may have packed up and gone home. But America is still able to borrow 10-year money at about 7 per cent, the same as in Germany, though twice as much as in Japan. Excessive deficits still do not set currency trends any more than Japan's endemic surpluses.

The happy exception to the pain of American sullenness

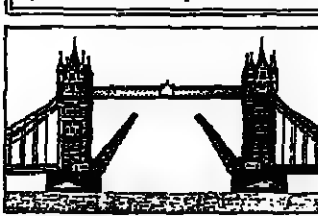
appears to be Britain. No problems of adjustment here. The currency is poised nicely in mid-Atlantic between the European and American currents. Sterling has subsided gently, enough to make life easier for the exporters who are keeping growth going, but not enough to import inflation or destroy confidence.

Not for Britain the straitjacket of the exchange-rate mechanism, which France volunteers for with masochistic enthusiasm. Unhappily, despite all Britain's economic *savoir faire*, its business and taxpayers must still pay the highest long-term interest rates of any world currency.

No regulating will close the tax trap

LIFE insurers are learning the hard way that public criticism by regulators can have a big impact on their business. The latest business figures from the Prudential, like many other reputable life companies, show how far the market as a whole has been hit by the pension selling affair, on which the Personal

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Investment Authority will make more ponderous announcements this week. The effects on the income of those criticised and others in the business can far exceed any direct fines imposed by regulators.

The four-year-old lapse by Greg Middleton, on which the Securities and Futures Authority passed judgment yesterday, will therefore be received with shudders by other private client stockbrokers, small issuing houses and sponsors. The ill-fated Second Greg Middleton Enterprise Zone Trust was an unregulated collective investment scheme, the sort that any adviser should sell only as a riskier investment for those willing and able to take risks,

however cast-iron income or guarantees in such schemes might seem. But that does not mean such an issue was outside basic rules under the Financial Services Act, as the industry discovered through this case.

This is an important case, but the results are mixed. It means that investors are due greater protection than many might have assumed.

But it also means that small and apparently simple stock issues of this kind cannot be done on the cheap. Costs will rise and average potential returns may therefore fall.

The SFA's decision is timely. Enterprise zones may be yesterday's idea, but venture capital funds and schemes of various kinds are likely to provide a booming new investment subculture. As yet, it is far from clear whether the Greg Middleton case will encourage ordinary investors, convincing them that they are now better protected, or put people off this whole investment sector.

One old lesson should be learned by all investors, but probably never will be. Those

who invest solely or primarily to gain tax reliefs are most likely to be saddled with the worst underlying investments.

One for the road

THERE is rather more to the departure of Philip Bowman from Bass and these shores than the simple homecoming of a nostalgic Australian. Mr Bowman, at 41, was as ambitious as he was respected and would certainly have been pressing Sir Ian Prosser, his boss. But the assumption must have been that he would get the number two job at Bass in due course and had no need to jump the gun.

All involved stress that there has been no falling out with Sir Ian, who is, to be fair, not a hard man to fall out with. Sir Ian has always resisted Cadbury-type pressures to divide the job of chairman and chief executive by pointing to an impressive list of non-executives, comprising Sir Geoff Mulcahy of Woolworths fame, Sir Michael Perry of Unilever and Sir Peter Middle-

ton of BZW, and that troupe of knights would certainly have had the clout to insist on a split function when appropriate.

But the sheer speed of Mr Bowman's departure, out of the door within ten days of the formal announcement, raises obvious questions. The answer, probably lies within the pages of Bass's last report and accounts. Mr Bowman earned a little more than £300,000 and cannot have looked for much more as chief executive, while Bass's mature market position and the climate of the times does not give much scope for playing the options game. His package at Coles Myer will easily dwarf his salary at Bass, while also taking him out of the whole wrangle over corporate remuneration in Britain. On this analysis, he will not be the last executive to go.

Hidden wires

THE travails of Pierre Suard, deposed from the Alcatel Alsthom chair by a magistrate, may sound alarms right across privileged or state-run continental communications groups. If the French take so tough a line over old continental practices, prepare for more scandals. Maybe not. Some insist that there is no precedent and the Alcatel affair is about far more than the odd expensive or cheap contract.

Merrill Lynch hit by plunge in Wall Street trade

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN NEW YORK

MERRILL LYNCH, America's largest dealer and issuer of stocks and bonds, suffered a 39 per cent drop in first-quarter profits to \$227.3 million, or \$1.08 a share, thanks to the plunge in Wall Street business.

The firm, however, announced a 13 per cent increase in its quarterly dividend to 26 cents and a buyback of 15 million shares of common stock, sending its shares up 87.5 cents to \$44.25.

Daniel P. J. F. Labrecque, chairman and chief executive, said the dividend increase "reflects the continuing strong earnings performance of the company, and our confidence in the future".

Meanwhile, Chase Manhattan, America's sixth-largest bank, which is under pressure from an activist shareholder and facing overtures from potential bidders, promised to cut hundreds of millions of dollars from costs by 1996.

Thomas G. Labrecque, Chase's chairman, poured cold water on the overture, saying the bank was not interested in a merger with NationsBank, which is report-

ed to be interested in merging with Chase to create the country's largest banking company. The first-quarter dividend rises from 40 to 45 cents a share.

Several other large American banks reported strong first-quarter profits yesterday, with Citicorp announcing a jump of more than 36 per cent. They all said that they would have generated even higher revenues had the dollar not fallen so sharply on the currency markets.

Citicorp said growth in

emerging markets along with lower credit costs drove its earnings to record levels; the firm reported its first-quarter net income touched \$829 million, or \$1.53 a share, compared with \$553 million, or \$1.12 a share. Worldwide corporate banking revenues, adjusted to exclude credit-related costs, jumped 20 per cent to \$1.4 billion during the quarter, while total assets jumped nearly 12 per cent to \$269 billion, the bank said.

Chemical Bank said its earnings jumped 21 per cent to \$385 million, or \$1.46 a share, compared with \$319 million, or 1.13 per share, for the January to March period of 1994. Total assets by the end of March were \$185.3 billion, compared with \$166 billion.

Wells Fargo said its first-quarter income rose by 29 per cent, to \$4.41 from \$3.41, on a per share basis. The bank's loan-loss provision was reported as nil, compared with \$60 million. Against the trend, Bank One reported a slip in January to March earnings; down 5 per cent to 75 cents a share, compared with 79 cents a share in 1994.



Labrecque under pressure

WMI falls in first quarter

DIFFICULTIES with its European hazardous waste disposal business have eroded first-quarter profits at Waste Management International, the London-listed arm of WMX Technologies of Chicago (see *Regulatory*).

Tougher environmental regulations and pricing pressure, especially in Sweden, The Netherlands and Italy, drove down pre-tax profits 12.8 per cent to £3.7 million. Earnings per share decreased 9.4 per cent to 5.8p. Turnover rose 8.9 per cent to £278.7 million.

Nigel Wilson, finance director, said that it was too early to predict whether the company would meet its forecasts for 1995. The shares closed at 260p, up 2p.

Bowman quits as Bass Taverns chief

BY MARTIN WALLER

PHILIP BOWMAN, head of Bass Taverns and the obvious candidate to take over in due course at the top of Britain's biggest brewer, has left suddenly to go back to his native Australia (see *Pennington*, this page).

The surprise move, which will see Mr Bowman out of the group by the end of the month, knocked the Bass share price back 14p to 539p. Mr Bowman, who retains strong connections with his homeland, is joining the board of one of its biggest companies, Coles Myer, the retail conglomerate.

Bass played down any suggestion of a row with Sir Ian Prosser, the chairman and chief executive, and Mr Bowman will receive no compensation for his abrupt departure. His replacement as chief executive of Bass Taverns is

Tim Clarke, a former analyst at Panmure Gordon, the broker, and currently managing director of the European, Middle East and Africa division of the Holiday Inn hotel chain.

Mr Bowman, 41, was finance director of Bass under Sir Ian until ten years ago when he moved across to run the taverns business, a move that was widely seen as offering him experience that would be invaluable in running a business, were he ever to take on the chief executive role from Sir Ian.

"He's a nationally mobile executive, and he's been given an attractive position," said the Bass spokesman. Analysts said his departure was bad news for Bass because the market had approved of his performance in running the taverns business.

Merger talks provide tonic for Medeva shares

SHARES in Medeva, the drugs group, leapt 31p to 257p yesterday on news that it is in merger talks with Fisons, its rival (see *Sarah Bagnall* writes). More than 5.7 million shares changed hands. The advance followed a gain of 14p last week that was prompted by speculation that Fisons was poised to

make an offer for its smaller rival. In contrast, Fisons shares slipped 4p to 174p, after a fall of 6p last week.

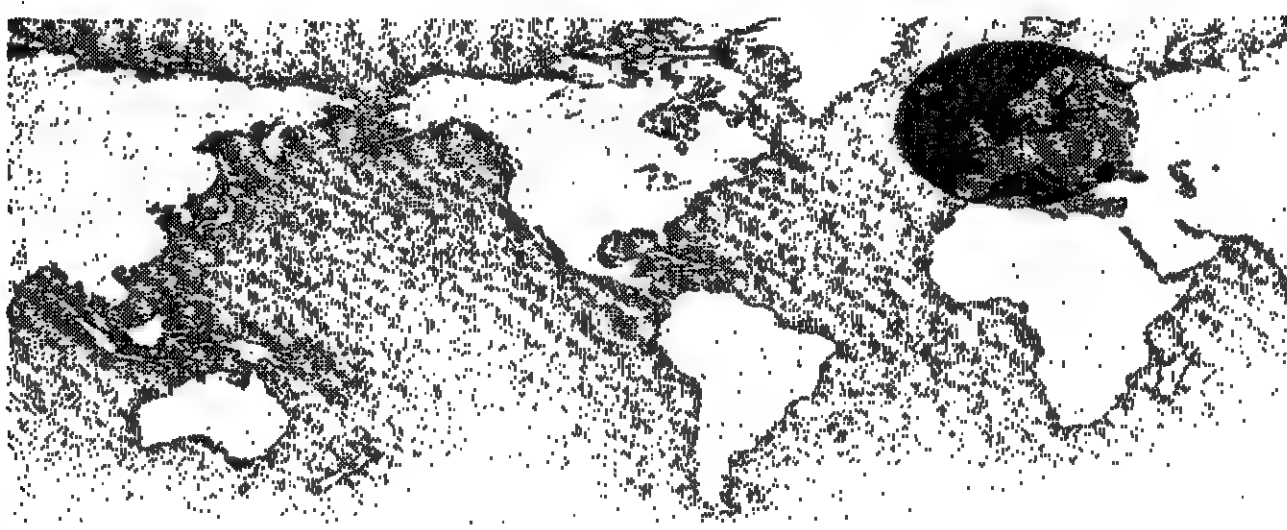
Medeva said that the talks were exploratory, while City analysts believed that market speculation had bounced the company into making an announcement. The two companies

are said not to have discussed price, but analysts have put a £900 million price tag on Medeva. This equates to an offer of 300p a share. Paul Diggle, an analyst at Société Générale Strauss Turnbull, thought that 300p would be "a sensible level". Analysts agreed that the deal would

make commercial sense. Medeva would bolster Fisons' presence in respiratory drugs and Fisons would strengthen Medeva's marketing presence on the Continent.

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Pentium chip boosts Intel

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN NEW YORK

INTEL surprised the computer industry and the markets yesterday with a 44 per cent jump in first-quarter profits. The world's largest computer chip manufacturer said relentless demand for its Pentium microchip drove up earnings, in spite of the bad publicity surrounding a now-recalled flaw in the device.

The firm earned \$89 million, or \$2.04 per share, for the first three months of this year, compared with \$617 million, or \$1.40 a share, in the January to March period last year. Revenue soared to \$3.56 bil-

lion, up 34 per cent from \$2.66 billion a year ago. The company added that it bought back two million shares of common stock in the quarter.

Investors yesterday compared the latest results with those of the last quarter of 1994, when Intel earnings plummeted 37 per cent after the firm took a \$475 million charge to fix its Pentium chip. The episode turned into a public relations nightmare for Intel when it tried to force computer users to prove they needed a replacement chip before the company would

part with a new one. In December, Intel reversed its policy and offered to replace all microchips.

The company reported that the revenue from the more expensive Pentium microchip was now exceeding that from its 486 chip. Sun Microsystems, Texas Instruments and Honeywell also reported January to March profits that exceeded Wall Street expectations: Sun Microsystems said it earned \$108 million, compared with \$58 million in 1994, a rise of 87 per cent.

SHARES of Kwik Save closed at their highest level for at least a year as City investors began to ask if this was the next discount food retailer on the corporate hit list.

36p to 260p after confirming it was in bid talks with rival Fisons, 4p easier at 174p. Both said they had been having informal talks for several months on a wide-ranging series of topics, covering licensing deals to drug development and a possible merger.

The speculators are already putting a price tag on Medeva of at least 300p a share,

valuing the entire company at \$900 million. Fisons is well placed to conclude such a deal.

AAH marked time at 442p as Gehe, the German group, picked up almost 5 per cent of the shares in the marketplace. At the last count, Gehe spoke

The graph displays the FT all-share index (rebased) over a ten-year period from 1985 to 1995. The vertical axis represents the index value, ranging from 500 to 580. The horizontal axis represents time in years. The index shows a general upward trend, starting at 500 in 1985 and reaching approximately 580 by 1995. There are several peaks and troughs, with a notable peak around 1989 followed by a sharp decline, and another peak around 1993 followed by a decline.

Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr

Regina, the royal jelly supplier, held steady at 14p after chipping in, as expected, with interim figures leaving it firmly in the red with pre-tax losses of £160,000, against a deficit for the corresponding period of £270,000.		London:	
FT 30	2434.0	-12.7	
FT 100	3194.5	-14.3	
FT-SE Mid 250	3492.2	-7.6	
FT-SEA 250	1586.1	-6.3	
FT-SE Eurostock 100	1269.9	-12.1	
FT A All-Share	1563.74	-5.70	
FT Non Financials	1686.49	-5.72	
FT Fixed Interest	111.33	+0.42	
FT Govt Secs	92.33	+0.02	

Shares of troubled Enterprise Computers were frozen at 3-p as the group's refinancing operation was thrown into doubt. The company has received a claim relating to a guarantee of a \$100 million of its subsidiaries and running until 2010. Enterprise has now postponed the extraordinary general meeting scheduled for tomorrow while it	Albright & Wilson (150)	174	+2
	Bores	174	...
	Ricompounds Ltd (170)	171	...
	Ric Aircrafts USA	138	-12
	Coat Products (50)	63	...
	Dalblynn (128)	130	...
	Danorech (130)	155	...
	Exaro Ltd (175)	174	...
	ForCell USA (100)	100	...
	Genetec Inc (100)	99	...
	Nat Power (3-p) (476)	177	+4
	PLS Group (50)	92	...

The Bank of England has announced details of its latest auction and plans to issue £2 billion of existing stock Treasury 8 per cent 2000 designated 'A'. The auction will take

place on April 26.

In the futures pit, turnover remained at a low ebb with just 24,000 contracts completed as the June series of the long gilt slipped a tick to £104½.

RISKS:

JD Wetherspoon	497p (+16p)
Parvaiz	336p (+10p)
Corymore	150p (+10p)
Tadpole Tech	225p (+5p)
Molins	545p (+10p)
Amersham	880p (+1p)
Rimmer	430p (+35p)

Among conventional issues, benchmark Treasury 8 per cent 2013 finished all square at 97¹³/₃₂, as did Treasury 8 per cent 2000 at 99¹/₂.

□ NEW YORK: Worries about a weak dollar and prospective corporate earnings constrained to keep shares on Wall Street weak in spite of a firmer bond market and favourable economic data. By midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 6.91 points at 1,188.47.	5888 5360 (-15) SPB Ind 2739 (-46) Redland 4350 (-7) Wolesey 3470 (-7) Rothmans 4600 (-7) Unilever 12170 (-9) Gen Accident 5590 (-5) Sun Alliance 3370 (-7) Thompson Corp 7750 (-30) XCL 400 (-9)
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PAVILION SERVICES is a surprisingly cheap deal for Canada, getting a value on the weight of debt has brought the deal to a close.

Pavilion makes margins of about 8.4 percent, a full three percentage points below those enjoyed at Granada's service stations, and this implies a 14 million improvement possible from the oil. The deal will therefore be earnings-enhancing from day one, and

Gerry Robinson, the chief executive, suggested the possibility of share buy-backs, but this was not what the average fund manager wanted to hear and the shares, perversely, began to fall. Since comprehensively recovered, they now stand at their highest point for the past 18 months. The company has a large number of possible trade buyers since late last year, in parallel with preparations for a float, with groups such as Forte supposedly interested; pressure from the original backers and

market forecasts suggest a 10 to 20 million contribution to profits after financing should be possible in the first full year.

Granada, far from running out of ideas, will shortly announce another significant step, the entry into the Channel 5 fray, in conjunction with BSkyB and TCI, North America's biggest cable operator. For now, the shares' sell on an undemanding multiple of 14.5 times this year's earnings and 13 times those for 1995-96.

MEDEVA is sitting pretty. The group can blithely cooify at the advances of Fisons, knowing that it will not be left an old maid if it refuses to develop or by using arrangements. The strategy has paid off and Medeva is now a self-sustaining business that does not need Fisons.

Medeva has a chequered history. Once a stock market darling with a share price of more than 280p, the company rocked the City in July 1993 with a profits warning that left the shares crashing at 116p. Since then, they have crawled their way back above 200p before rumours of an impending offer sent them racing ahead again.

The question is whether **Fisons is prepared to pay a premium to expand in one bound** or whether the group has the management time to

18 times prospective earnings. Medeva and its shareholders just have wait and see if Fisons is prepared to pay the price.

SHOT IN THE ARM

Medeva share price

Medeva has successfully carved out a niche. Unlike the rest of the drugs sector, the group does no research and only a small amount of development.

Instead, a string of deals has brought a range of

AN indignant Iraq has once again put oil on the move. The U.S.-sponsored package of oil exports for aid was

rejected last weekend. But as newswalling in Baghdad lifted the immediate threat of some 600,000 barrels being pumped into the market, and markets responded with a boost to West Texas Intermediate prices, which reached \$20 on Monday, London oil traders returned from their Easter break and Brent crude joined the rally, boosting the June delivery contract to \$18.26, well ahead of most market forecasts of \$16.50-\$17 for the year.

But the slow recovery in continental Europe has kept a lid on OECD oil demand but the Asian economies are likely to be the main source of growth. In the short term, the oil market's focus will remain on Iraq as sanctions are gradually removed, and a sudden supply boost from an aid package could pull prices back to \$16-\$17. But there are signs that oil could be moving to a new trading range.

Upton &

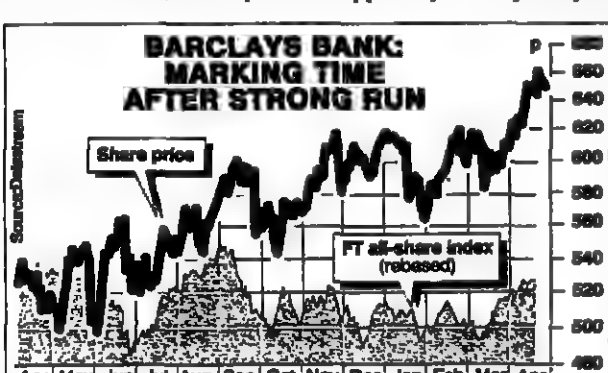
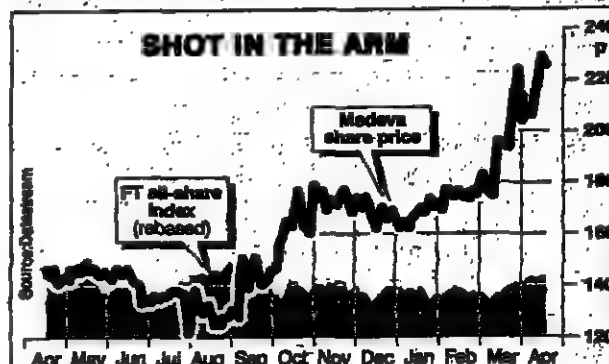
group down had it not been for last October's \$5.5 million rescue rights issue, but shareholders' funds stand at just £3 million, a thin cushion for a group that can lose £2 million in 26 weeks.

Ronald Toxine, the new chairman, is in the middle of an urgent review of the Reject Shop. Up to half of its 34 stores may have to close. But taking that hit will not come cheap and Upton will probably have to seek some sort of refinancing.

Southern

SHARHOLDERS in Upton & Southern must long for the good old days when the group consisted of three department stores in the North—Bristol, Boston and even. The acquisition of the Rejco Shop has done nothing but bring it to the brink of fi-

With the shares languishing at about 3p, yet another rights issue is out of the question, so it is probably in need of bank or venture capital help. Aid was notably absent for Paxton, even though the value of its shares of Dixons was on offer. Upton has no such jewel, and its future looks uncertain.



LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100						
Previous open interest: 72070	Jun 95	3227.0	3237.0	3210.0	3216.5	2008.2
	Sep 95	3281.0	3291.0	3261.0	3265.5	1920.2
FT-SE 250						
Previous open interest: 4407	Jun 95	3311.0	3315.0	3311.0	3290.0	103.0
	Sep 95					
Three Month Sterling						
Previous open interest: 26740	Jun 95	92.94	92.97	92.94	92.94	1145.0
	Jul 95	92.95	92.94	92.92	92.92	106.2
	Dec 95	92.17	92.21	92.17	92.18	41.21
Three Mth Eurodollar						
Previous open interest: 1149	Jun 95				93.63	0
	Sep 95				93.63	0
Three Mth Euro DM						
Previous open interest: 61566	Jun 95	95.30	95.38	95.30	95.34	17982.0
	Sep 95	95.30	95.17	95.10	95.17	29940.0
Long Gilt						
Previous open interest: 88145	Jun 95	109.49	109.15	109.06	109.08	2400.0
	Sep 95				108.73	284.0
Japanese Govt Bond						
	Jun 95	117.38	117.62	117.30	117.31	204.0
	Sep 95				116.95	0
German Gov Bd Bund						
Previous open interest: 18528	Jun 95	92.58	92.60	92.52	92.62	7100.0
	Sep 95	92.10	92.15	92.10	92.26	86.0
Three month ECU						
Previous open interest: 19326	Jun 95	92.62	92.64	92.58	92.59	1717.0
	Sep 95	92.47	92.49	92.44	92.45	47.0
Euro Swiss Franc						
Previous open interest: 36326	Jun 95	94.30	94.30	94.30	94.30	131.0
	Sep 95					
Italian Govt Bond						
Previous open interest: 42772	Jun 95	94.30	94.30	94.28	94.30	2372.0
	Sep 95				93.65	0

Prime Bank Bills (30d)	5 1/8-5 7/8	5 1/8-5 7/8	5 1/8-5 7/8	5 1/8-5 7/8	5 1/8-5 7/8
Banking Money Rates	6 1/2-6 3/4	6 1/2-6 3/4	6 1/2-6 3/4	6 1/2-6 3/4	6 1/2-6 3/4
Commercial Paper	6 1/2-6 3/4	6 1/2-6 3/4	6 1/2-6 3/4	6 1/2-6 3/4	6 1/2-6 3/4
Overnight open 6, close 4 1/2					
Local Authority Depos	5 1/8	5 1/8	5 1/8	5 1/8	5 1/8
Sterling CDs	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2
Dollar CDs	6.00	6 1/4	6.12	6 1/4	6.64
Banking Society CDs	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2

ECB, Fed, Euro Area Sterling Export Finance: Make-up date: Jan 31, 1995 Approval to: Jan 31, 1995
 Feb 28, 1995 to Mar 25, 1995 Scheme 13: 7.87%, Refinancing rate Jan 31, 1994 to Jun 31, 1995 Scheme 14: 6.7 and 6.62%

EUROPEAN METAL DEPOSITS 1M

Currency	7 day	3 month	6 month	Call
Deutschmark	6 1/2	6 1/2-5 3/4	6 1/2	5 3/4-6 1/4
French Franc	6 1/2	6 1/2-5 3/4	6 1/2	5 3/4-6 1/4
Italian Lira	6 1/2	6 1/2-5 3/4	6 1/2	5 3/4-6 1/4
Japanese Yen	6 1/2	6 1/2-5 3/4	6 1/2	5 3/4-6 1/4

GOLD/PRICE/PRECIOUS METALS (LBS/100)

Bullion: Open \$393.00-393.40	ASK: \$393.20-393.60	High: \$394.05-394.35
Low: \$392.20-392.70	ASK: \$393.00-393.40	PM: \$392.85
Kryoprecip: \$349.00-350.00	€240.00-236.00	
Platinum: \$454.90 (€261.25)	Silver: \$5.64 (€3.69)	Palladium: \$173.50 (€107.45)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for April 18	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
American	2.4649-2.4770	2.4649-2.4660	1.4445	1.4445
Brussels	4.254-4.553	4.254-4.553	2.305	184-192
Frankfurt	6.669-6.720	6.669-6.670	1.4445	1.4445
Dublin	0.9738-0.9745	0.9738-0.9746	1.305	184-192
London	2.3103-2.3125	2.3103-2.3091	1.4445	1.4445
Milan	2.733-2.771	2.734-2.731.18	1.4445	210-205
Madrid	197.43-198.29	197.47-197.78	65-200	135-170
Paris	2.755-2.757.50	2.754-2.753.18	1.4445	1.4445
Montreal	1.7945-1.797.50	1.7945-1.7945	0.1110	25-30
Stockholm	1.2081-1.2181	1.2081-1.2181	0.03-0.03	0.03-0.03
Oslo	2.1833-2.028	2.1833-2.028	0.03-0.03	0.03-0.03
Philis	7.2460-7.380	7.2460-7.380	1.4445	1.4445
Stockholm	11.7250-11.7290	11.7250-11.7230	1.4445	57-60
Tokyo	131.20-131.12	131.19-131.25	1.4445	1.4445
Zurich	2.551-15.29	15.51-15.55	25-30	74-76
Vienna	1.81-72.9234	1.8175-12.800	1.4445	1.4445

Source: Bank of England

		Apr 17 midday	Apr 17 close	Apr 18 midday	Apr 17 close	Apr 18 midday	Apr 17 close	Apr 18 midday	Apr 17 close
Australia	1.3448-1.3471								
Canada	9.504-9.51								
Belgium (Cont)	20.35-20.40								
Denmark	1.9800-1.9895								
Germany	3.3780-3.3830								
France	41.0100-41.0120								
Germany	1.9650-1.9665								
Hong Kong	7.7310-7.7370								
Italy	1.6540-1.6576								
Italy	10000.0-10200.0								
Japan	81.40-81.50								
Malaysia	2.9675-2.9685								
Netherlands	1.5350-1.5355								
Norway	1.6190-1.6195								
Spain	141.43-141.52								
Singapore	1.9350-1.9345								
Spain	122.62-122.70								
Switzerland	1.2600-1.2605								
Switzerland	1.2250-1.1330								
Argentina peso	6.1618-6.1615								
Australia dollar	2.1722-2.1730								
Brazil real	0.6235-0.6195								
Brazil real	1.4637-1.4670								
China yuan	13.10-13.09								
Costa Rican	0.0047-0.0046								
Finland markka	6.7175-6.7185								
Greece drachma	355.35-355.35								
India rupee	14.71-14.68								
India rupee	90.90-91.25								
Indonesia rupiah	3567.00-3565.68								
Japan yen	356.10-356.10								
Malaysia ringgit	3.98-1.9699								
South Korea won	200.00-200.00								
Thailand baht	50.00-50.00								
Philippines peso	46.00-46.00								
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*Underlying security price.

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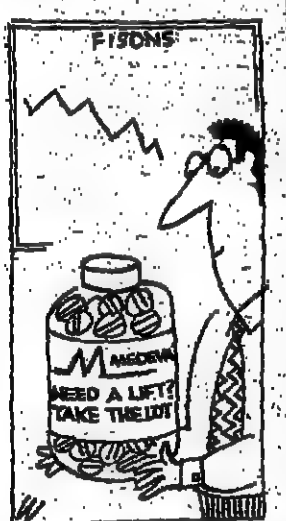
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Steely cut for Middlesbrough

BRITISH Steel is pulling out of its sponsorship deal with Middlesbrough Football Club, currently leaders of the English Football League Division One, for the best of patriotic reasons. The Teesside club has used not British, but German, steel to build its new stadium. Taylor Woodrow, the football club's sponsor for the £16 million stadium at Middlesbrough Docks, has used only 200 tons of British Steel, but 1,500 tons from abroad, mostly German. British Steel, a big employer on Teesside, has already renewed advertising boardings from the club's ground at Ayresome Park. "This is not sour grapes," British Steel says, "but what is the point of putting our name up around the perimeter if our company is being ignored? We're extremely sad to have had to make this decision, but when we make the best steel in Europe just down the road and they use German steel, how can we continue to support the club? It's a matter of principle." A club spokeswoman says: "The decision where to buy the steel was entirely Taylor Woodrow's."

Ad infinitum?

NICHOLAS BAKER, of Camper & Nicholson, the yacht broker, has received a letter from Barclays which tells him that an interest rate of 20.75 per cent will apply to amounts of between £500,000 and £9,999,999.99. This is his US dollar account. He queries it: "What happens if I want to borrow more than that?"



Flying solo

NICKY OPPENHEIMER, son of the doyen of mining chiefs, Harry Oppenheimer, is beginning to feel lonely in the London skies. He is a qualified helicopter pilot, who often hops from country home to City office during the summer, but is now on his own in holding permission to land on the roof of De Beers in the City. "Robert Maxwell also had permission to land in the City, and when he was alive, and landing on the Mirror building, I could at least blame him if anybody complained about the noise," Nicky says. "But it is still the only way to travel — especially when I look down at London's traffic jams." Meanwhile, Harry Oppenheimer, is wondering if he can claim mention in the Guinness Book of Records. "In January, my father had his appendix out, and at the grand age of 86 he is wondering if he is the oldest appendix case on record," Nicky ponders.

IF YOU want the public to know who you are, go down The Drain, which carries 10.94 million people each year. The Traveller, the metal strip connecting the concourse at Bank station to the platforms from which "The Drain" departs for Waterloo, boasts 160 advertising panels that British Transport Advertising signs out at £10,000 a month, invariably to a single client. BTA has just signed up Prebone Yomana, the money brokers... Who?

COLIN CAMPBELL

Who will put up cash for rail link to the Tunnel?

Patricia Tehan examines the difficulties of obtaining private funding to build the crucial railway line

Financing a project as complex as the Channel Tunnel rail link is difficult enough without the added complication of being inextricably linked in the minds of investors to the disaster that goes by the name of Eurotunnel.

Historically, governments have financed transport projects because the private sector could not find a way to do so and still make a profit. Eurotunnel's lurch from one refinancing to the next serves to illustrate the point.

Yet the four consortia bidding to build the Channel Tunnel rail link claim to have learnt lessons from Eurotunnel's experiences, and come to the conclusion that they can put funding in place and build the link to agreed time and cost. They submitted their bids to the Department of Transport last month.

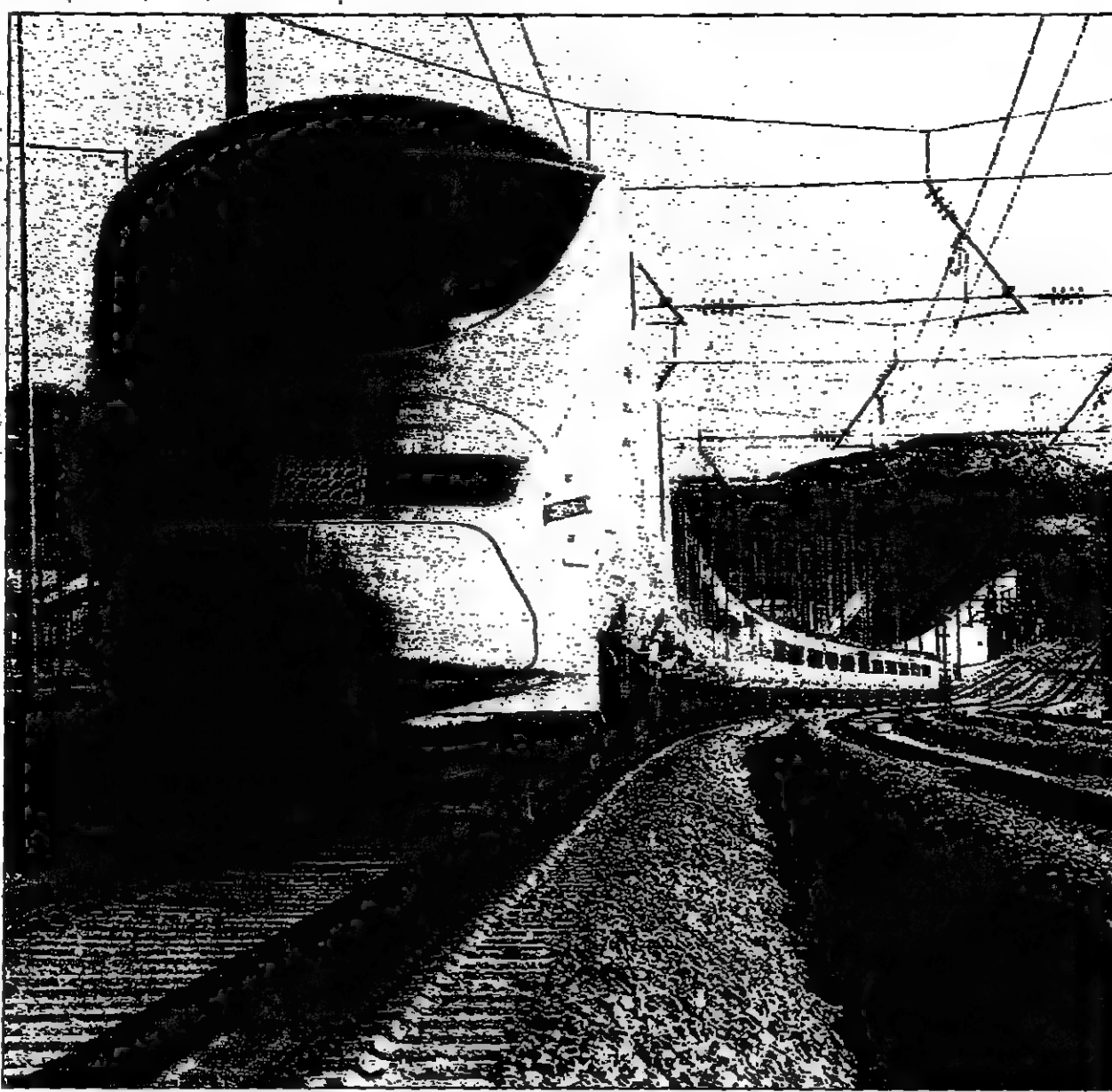
They must now persuade the Government, the world banking community and institutional shareholders that they can avoid the difficulties that have plagued the operator of the Channel Tunnel.

The consortia are at great pains to emphasise the differences between the two projects. The rail link will be producing revenues from day one, since the successful bidder will take over European Passenger Services (EPS) which owns the already-running Eurostar trains. There will also be a government grant. Technically the project is not as complicated as building the Tunnel: although a third of the route will be in tunnels, these will be in various sizes. All four bidders are confident that they can be built at the cost.

With new projects being built in the United Kingdom, the bidding process, Eurotunnel last week delivered an unkind reminder of the Channel Tunnel. Chairman Sir Alastair Morton told its 722,000 shareholders that this autumn it would again have to renegotiate its financing, and that it was "at risk" of being overwhelmed by its £8 billion debt.

The Channel Tunnel rail link is the largest-ever UK private finance initiative. Estimates put the cost of building the link at around £3 billion over the next seven years. The DoT and its adviser Hill Samuel has spent the last five weeks studying the four rail link bids and there will be much tweaking between now and next month when a shortlist of two will be announced. The overall winner will be decided by November.

All four bids contain mixes of bank debt, equity and government subsidy. In their proposals they must not only persuade the Government they can build the link and operate the Eurostar passenger trains profitably. The winner must also show that it can put the financing in place to



Money maker: the winning bidder will take over the existing Eurostar passenger service from Waterloo International

see the project through to completion in 2002.

The four bidders are keeping their financing plans a closely guarded secret. This is partly because they are bound by a DoT confidentiality clause, and partly because they do not want the competition to know what sort of assumptions they are making about the level of government subsidy, stock market conditions in 1997, cost of construction, revenue forecasts, inflation and interest rates, required rates of return and banking cover ratios.

The two favourites, London & Continental and Eurotunnel, are thought to be approaching financing in completely opposite ways. At the most basic level, L&C is planning a huge stock market flotation to raise funds, while Eurotunnel is seeking to finance the project primarily through bank debt, with a smaller placing of shares with institutions.

The issue of government subsidy is key to the bids. At the end of the process, the consortium requesting the lowest level of public subsidy will stand the best chance of success. Estimates put the level of subsidy at up to half the total cost, with a cash grant of between £500 million and £1 billion depending on how the assets being transferred to the victor are valued.

The subsidy takes two forms, state assets and direct financial support. Shortly after the signing of agreements, the preferred bidder will take over EPS, the DoT company that operates

Eurostar trains through the Channel Tunnel in partnership with French and Belgian railways. It will also take over Waterloo International, St Pancras, the site for the new terminal, and hundreds of acres of development land at Kings Cross and Stratford, East London. Financial support will also be made in the form of a grant to fund construction costs.

Rail operators in Kent will provide an additional flow of funds for the use of the rail link track by commuter train

operators, known as the domestic access charge.

There are four basic phases to projects: conception, development, build and operation. The first phase, project conception, is over. The development phase will begin in November when the preferred bidder is selected.

This phase will take two years, before Royal Assent is obtained, during which time the developer will have to find 10 per cent of the cost of the project — some £300 million — to pay for such things as design studies, putting financing in place and land surveys. The sources of funding for

this, the riskiest of the four phases, are limited, and the consortia are approaching it in much the same way.

The two favourites plan to finance much of the development phase themselves. In Eurotunnel's case Trafalgar House, NatWest, BICC, HSBC and Seaboard will fund the development from existing resources, cashflow from EPS and bank debt from ABN Amro, Banque Indosuez, Bayerische Landesbank, CIBC, Commerzbank, Industrial Bank of Japan, Mitsubishi Bank, Royal Bank of Scotland, Société Générale, Swiss Bank Corp and Kreditbank. For L&C, funds will be put up by Arup, Bechtel, Virgin, Halcrow, National Express and SG Warburg, drawing on substantial amounts of bank finance from Citibank, UBS and Rabobank.

During this phase, additional funds are likely from the European Investment Bank and the European Investment Fund — and from venture capital sources.

The bidders have exclusive arrangements with their banks now. But these will lapse when one of the preferred bidders is selected. Somewhere between March and September 1997 the third phase of the project — construction — will begin and full funding will be required.

This is where the bids put forward by L&C and the other bidders head off in opposite directions. L&C believes it can persuade public and institutional investors to buy into the concept. If market conditions

are right it plans to raise between a quarter and a third of its funding costs with a major stock market flotation. The rest will come in the form of bank debt, European funds and government subsidy.

Eurotunnel, by contrast, plans to raise 80 per cent of its private financing in the form of bank debt, with a small institutional equity placing and government grants making up the balance. It does not believe there is any prospect of persuading members of the public to buy into a public share offer given the problems suffered by Eurotunnel. Union Link and Green Arrow are also seeking greater levels of debt than of equity.

The differences in the bids highlights the starkly differing views between the bidders over the risks involved and level of gearing required. Whoever wins, the Channel Tunnel rail link is going to push the limits of what is feasible in the debt, equity and European finance markets.



ANTHONY HARRIS

Commodities: the dog and the tail

One of the hardest problems in economics is to be sure you know cause from effect, the dog from the tail, or, in the trader's jargon, that you can identify the direction of causation. Perhaps that is why almost self-evident nonsense is accepted as plain common sense.

The prime example at the moment is the widespread reported fear that rising commodity prices will ignite inflation. Yet raw commodities account for only 2 per cent of expenditure: they have to rise by half to add just one point to final prices. A tail, not a dog, if ever there was one. So what, you may ask, does that matter? If commodity prices were simply an effect, not a cause of inflation, it wouldn't; but that is not the case. What matters if you are growing cotton or making woodpulp is not the general price level, but the volume sold. As it nears supply capacity, up goes the price.

This leads to a paradox: as an American commodity investor Michael Aronstein argued at the Grant's investment conference in New York recently, low general inflation has helped to drive commodity prices up. Low inflation translates into unexpectedly high real incomes — especially in terms of the goods money can buy, since service prices have not been so soft. So the causation runs: low goods prices, higher purchasing power, more volume sold, and so higher commodity prices.

QED: but don't run away with another false conclusion. If the world economy slows, as it appears to be doing, commodity prices will ease.

The closest link between prices and expected activity is in metals. As UBS shows in a briefing this week, the metal price index tracks the long bond yield almost uncannily. This could be because vehicle demand is a volatile indicator of general strength; but the relationship with bonds suggests the metal market is becoming more like the financial asset market than a plain commodity market. UBS argues

that the major boost to metals came from the same cause as the emerging markets boom: excess liquidity.

Does this suggest that commodities are about to go the way of emerging markets? Up to a point, but no further. Speculators hold physical stocks as well as buying futures: the figures from the London Metal Exchange show an explosion in stockholding in copper, nickel and aluminium in 1994, with volume rising more than tenfold. But holders have been cashing in, except in nickel, and stocks are now only about double their pre-boom level. This suggests good management, and a soft landing as prices normalise. Prices will tend to ease, but not collapse. Indeed, they are already low if you express them in yen.

Stocks also play a major role in the outlook for some soft commodities, but it tends to be a stabilising role. That at least is the aim of bodies like the International Cocoa Organisation, which aim for stable conditions. However, history shows that such producer bodies are more successful at preventing famines than checking price slumps. This is not, therefore, a field to be recommended to the commodity speculator. Nor is oil: outsiders who try to outguess the oil majors are poor life insurance risks.

Absence of stocks, by contrast, is encouraging. No where are they more absent than in woodpulp and the paper products made from it. The reason is simply that capacity is in the short term fixed: the industry depends on expensive plant, and in the years of starvation prices much was retired and none was built. The shortages are therefore likely to prove quite obstinate, and the industry should be making abnormal profits for some time.

Finally, the oldest commodity story of all: gold. Historically, a lousy investment but even a dog must have its day. Will some of the central banks now buying yen for a negligible yield notice that in yen terms, gold has not for a quarter of a century been cheaper?

Sarah Bagnall on a changing drugs industry

Taking the merger medicine

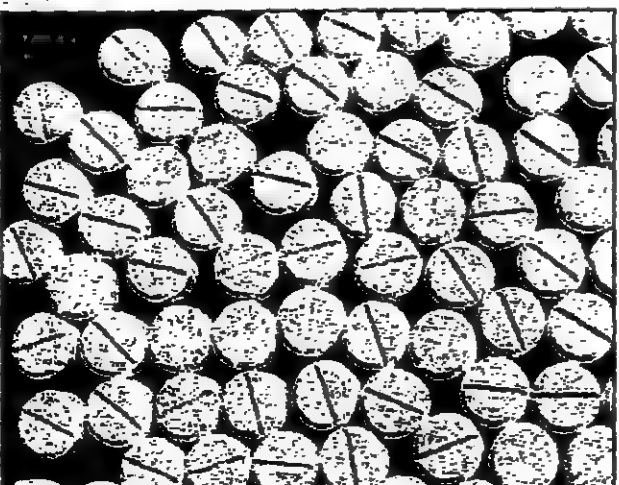
Positioning is everything in the brave new world of pharmaceuticals. Fisons' decision to hold takeover talks with Medeva, its smaller rival, is based on fears that it may be sidelined in an industry where the pace of change is growing ever faster.

Every part of the healthcare chain is in turmoil — all the way from financing to dispensing of drugs. More than £30 billion has been spent on takeovers in the last 18 months as drug companies around the world scurry to secure their place in the market.

The highly fragmented industry is consolidating. Witness Glaxo's £9.4 billion takeover of Wellcome this year, which, while forming the world's biggest drugs group, has a market share of less than 4 per cent.

The drivers of change are governments, insurers and companies that have turned their attention to drugs bills in a bid to cut costs. As a result, they are demanding greater value for money. Simultaneously, drugs companies have been hit by changes in buying patterns.

The rise of the pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) caught many companies off



The day of the discount drug has dawned

guard. The PBMs act as intermediaries, negotiating with the drugs companies on behalf of their customers, which tend to be big employers and insurance companies. Their sheer size in the market gives them significant buying power, so they can negotiate big discounts from drug manufacturers.

They also operate a restricted list that limits the amount of medicines that medical practitioners can prescribe. Drugs win their way on to the

list only if they fulfil a strict cost-benefit analysis. The resulting pressures placed on drug companies have triggered different responses within the industry. There tends to be a shared view of the future.

You cannot be a bit player in the market. If you are, you will die. Critical mass is vital for those who want to thrive and, as a result, the drive to build market share becomes para-

mount. For companies such as Fisons and Medeva there is no hope of competing on the grand scale. Instead, they must carve out niches.

Stuart Wallis, chief executive of Fisons, knows as much. On joining the drugs group, he visited every pharmaceutical company that would let him. To each he posed the same questions: how do you see the market evolving and where do you think Fisons fits into the industry of the future?

This led to a radical restructuring of the group that left it looking like the Medeva of five years ago. Both companies now have a similar strategy — acquiring drugs in the late stage of development or licensing in medicines.

The specialisation has proved worthwhile for Medeva and the opportunities for acquiring a further string of products are good. As drugs giants such as Glaxo Wellcome are forced to cut costs and concentrate on the bigger revenue products, a stream of products with turnover levels of between £25 million and £75 million will emerge for Fisons and Medeva to buy. Whether they do that together or separately is yet to be seen.

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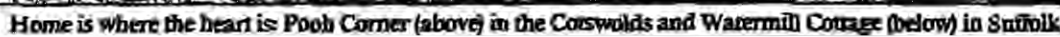
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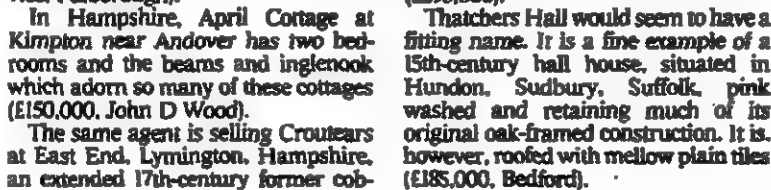
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A fantasy come true?

Millerson's Okehampton office is selling the Grade II-listed Perrymans Cottage at Belstone, near Okehampton.



Haverhill. The three-bedroom cottage is priced at £119,950.



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Figuring it out

Office occupiers in London and the South East are increasingly confident about their business prospects during the coming year. However, a report by Jones Lang Wootton concludes that an emphasis on efficiency and competitiveness means that overall, they will be shedding more office space than they take up in the next two years.

In a survey of 613 companies employing about 562,000 staff, a majority (59 per cent) were optimistic about short-term prospects, a slight increase compared with six months ago.

But the region's employment trends do not match this level of optimism. The number of office staff fell by 1.7 per cent in 1994, and it is anticipated that there will be a further decline of 0.9 per cent this year.

Demand for office space increased sharply by 36 per cent in the second half of 1994 to 2.6 million sq ft, but companies have been shedding unwanted space at an even faster rate, resulting in an increase in unwanted space of 1.9 million sq ft. This pattern is likely to continue over the next two years, since companies' space requirements of 4.6 million sq ft are offset by anticipated space disposals of

Christopher Warman on the real costs of renting office space

some 6.9 million sq ft, leaving a net balance of 2.3 million sq ft unwanted.

Jones Lang Wootton says the figures show that at a time of generally improving fortunes, confidence alone is not sufficient, and that the dynamics of corporate office demand are affected by more than prevailing property market sentiment or the state of the economy.

If the short-fall in demand is not made good — either by an expansion in requirements from companies in rapidly growing sectors or by new entrant companies to the local economy — the result could be continuing high levels of overall vacancy in office markets, with a consequent drag on rentals and repression of investment returns.

It could also lead to a further segmentation of the office market between primarily new, well specified and appropriately located space that continues to find a ready market, and rapidly obsolescent sec-

ondhand space which forms most of the space surplus and may remain permanently vacant before redevelopment or a change of use.

Chris Jolliffe, a research partner at Jones Lang Wootton, says: "Overall business demands and an increasing need for efficiency and competitive strength are having far-reaching impacts on the office market. Our review indicates that negative net absorption is likely to continue among large occupiers in the region, though this demand gap could be plugged by rapidly growing smaller companies and those moving into the region."

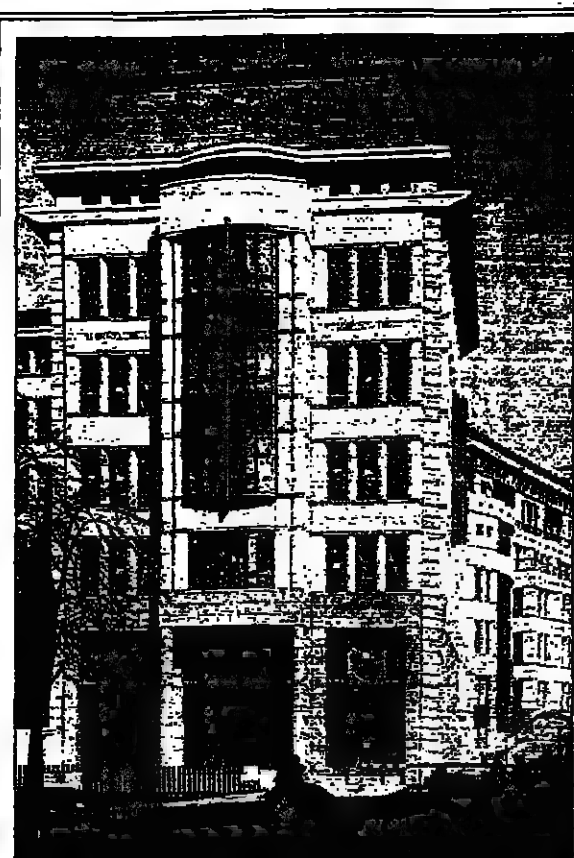
In the search for greater efficiency, companies need to consider the total occupation costs of an office, not just the rental. The latest rating revaluation of office property, which came into effect this month, has further polarised commercial property occupation costs.

These costs, which include headline rent, rates and service charge, are now estimated by Weatherall Green and Smith at £66.50 and £65.50 a sq ft in London's West End and the City respectively. These levels equate to about £35 a sq ft more than similar premises in Birmingham, £32 a sq ft more than in Edinburgh and £40 a sq ft more than in Bristol.

The difference is even more marked within London. While in the Hammersmith area total occupation costs are about £34.50, almost half that of the West End and the City. Docklands generally has a total cost of £21.50, while East India Dock boasts the lowest cost of £18 a sq ft — £10 rent, £2.50 rates and £5.50 service charge.

East India Dock, a development by NCCISFP LET, has benefited particularly from the 1995 revaluation because the buildings — at shell and core stage — were omitted from the 1993 rating list and are therefore not affected by transitional phasing arrangements.

Mike Stevens, of SPP LET International, says: "These latest figures show just how much occupiers ought to think about where they choose to locate. Research headlines always tend to focus exclusively on rental levels, but all the cost factors should be taken into the relocation equation."



Cheap at the price

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Fresh start in St Petersburg

AMOR, an Anglo-Russian company, has this month announced plans for the first business park to be built in St Petersburg. The development of 1.25 million sq ft, on a site near the centre of the city, is estimated to cost about \$100 million (around £64 million), and the first phase is due for completion in spring 1996.

The project has already attracted international interest from multinational companies. John Laing International is building the park, and the letting agents are Healey & Baker in London, DTZ Debenham Zedehoff in London and St Petersburg and Kolb Levins Associates in Moscow.

Back to town

IN A move that indicates a return to the city centre from out of town shopping, the Imry Group has announced a £250 million mixed-use scheme for the comprehensive regeneration of the heart of Southampton.

Imry has submitted an outline planning application for 1.2 million sq ft of retail, offices and leisure space that will occupy a 53-acre site between West Quay Road and the Western Esplanade. Imry is carrying out the project in partnership with Southampton City Council. If approved, it should be completed in 1997.

Arcona contracts

ARCONA Properties plc has exchanged conditional contracts to buy the freehold of 47 Pall Mall, London, SW1, and four other buildings from the Prudential for £12.75 million. A proposed 60,000-sq ft development on the site will have an estimated value of £30 million, and increases the number of West End schemes under development by Arcona, headed by Patrick Despard, to four, with a total estimated value of £150 million.

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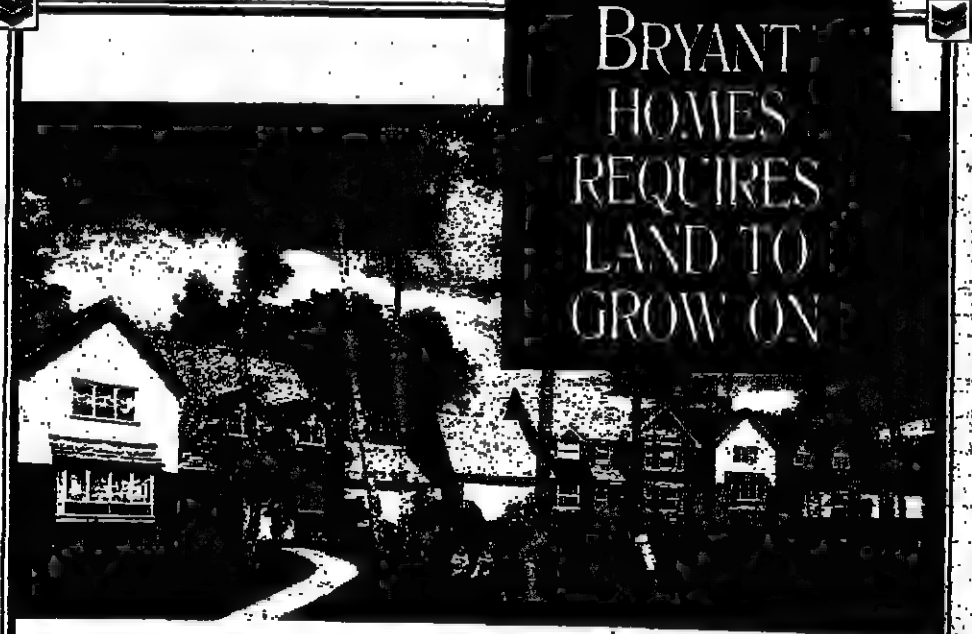
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No escaping Roman's history

As his film version of Ariel Dorfman's *Death and the Maiden* opens in Britain, Roman Polanski talks to Chris Peachment

Everybody knows at least two things about Roman Polanski. In 1979 his wife, the actress Sharon Tate, was brutally murdered by members of the Charles Manson gang at Polanski's house on Cielo Drive in Los Angeles. He was in Paris at the time. And in 1976 he was arrested and put on trial for the seduction of a 14-year-old girl, while staying at Jack Nicholson's house. After spending time in jail while undergoing psychiatric assessment at the judge's behest, he skipped the proceedings, and fled to Paris, where he has remained ever since.

Then there is his childhood, spent on the road in wartime Poland, while his parents were in concentration camps. (His father returned, his mother did not.) He pretended to be Catholic, since that country's hatred of Jews was almost as virulent as that of the invading Nazis. But his treatment at the hands of the local peasants is said to have inspired Jerzy Kosinski's novel *The Painted Bird*, a horrifying catalogue of brutality. So that is three things most people know.

It seems pointless to rehearse yet again the details surrounding these events. Indeed, he has given a very good account of them in his autobiography, *Roman*, which he wrote in part to set the record straight after the more outrageous speculations of the press. The tone of the book is dispassionate. And so too are his interviews. But there is no getting away from this history. He strenuously denies any autobiographical element in his films. Which is fair enough for a man who has lived through what he has. It is also interesting that he has always resisted going into any form of analysis (he must be the only man in Hollywood to do so) for fear that it might blunt his artistic drive. But the influences are undeniably there in his films. Fugitives, claustrophobia, the victimisation of women, madness, sudden violence. You only have to look.

He cannot say why he chose his latest project, a film version of Ariel

Dorfman's hugely successful stage play *Death and the Maiden*. Indeed he says that he cannot say why he ever chooses any particular project. But he read the script while it was running in its original production at the Royal Court, and something struck a chord. It is set in an unnamed South American country (Dorfman is Chilean). In a beach house near a cliff are gathered three people: Gerardo (Stuart Wilson) a civil rights lawyer and now a government official in the new liberal regime; his wife

Paulina (Sigourney Weaver) a victim of torture and rape under the former regime, and a stranger, Dr Miranda (Ben Kingsley), who has given the husband a lift home, and whom Paulina strongly suspects of being the man who tortured her while she was blindfolded. We could be back in *Cal De Sac* (1966), one of Polanski's best pictures which featured Donald Pleasence and Françoise Dorléac playing out a tormented marriage in the castle on Holy Island.

It is not long before the wife has the doctor bound and gagged and is attempting to extract a confession from him with a pistol. Polanski has done the reverse of what most film directors do when they adapt a stage play. Instead of "opening out" the action, he has kept it remorselessly interior, and even compressed the time scale to 24 hours. One of Polanski's favourite films from his youth was Olivier's *Hamlet*, which kept the Dane imprisoned in a castle of shadow and doubt. Polanski has also changed the structure somewhat to make the Doctor's possible guilt more equivocal.

I point out that it seems likely right from the outset that the Doctor is guilty, since he is the only one present who could have done it, and without his guilt, there would be no drama. But Polanski is insistent that there is ambiguity right to the end, even after the Doctor's cliff-top confession. "I would very much like to have filmed the play from three different



Roman Polanski: "I would not want to live in LA: I like it here in Paris. But Hollywood is such a great machine for making films. Here in Europe we are all artisans"

points of view," he says, "like *Rashomon* (Kurosawa's account of a rape trial from three differing perspectives). That film was a great influence on me when I was young. And there is no better medium for a shifting point of view than cinema." I suggest that the play might have been even more interesting if the wife had exacted revenge and then discovered the Doctor to be innocent. Polanski rather likes that idea. "Oh, perverted," he says, with some glee. "That goes right to the heart of the play though. Whether we are justified in doing to other people what they have done to us. The lawyer, being a good liberal, is horrified by the idea of revenge, but he can't offer any alternative."

Death and the Maiden is the piece of music by Schubert which the Doctor played while torturing the young wife. It inevitably raises the spectre of Nazi commandants who would spend the day shepherding lines of victims into the ovens and then retire for the evening to weep over a recording of *Für Elise*. "And have families and children as well. And be good fathers. There is no disparity in this. I often ask: is it possible under the right circumstances for anyone to be capable of any act, however evil? I believe I could not. But I also know there are many who could. Just as there are unassuming people who do great acts of courage. I suspect that most people

are just a mixture of good and bad. But then occasionally a serial killer comes along. And you wonder how they got like that."

With the notable exception of *Chinatown*, there are no politics in Polanski's films. Worse than any violence in his films is the feeling that his characters are all cut off from each other, unsupported by any faith in a social life. Even *Death and the Maiden* is set in an anonymous country and drained of any reference to the iniquities of the Left or the Right. For a man who has lived through the life he has, this disregard for the effects of politics on people's lives seems extraordinary. "I realised very early how fickle it all was. I had

trouble getting to film school because I was not a party member. But then the new movements came along and all the old apparatus became the leaders of the new freedom. It was all a gigantic hypocrisy. It makes me feel sick."

The Eighties were marked by a slowing down of output. And none of his films from France has yet matched the quality of his earlier work in Poland, Britain and Hollywood. One wonders whether he will try to return. "I would not want to live in LA: I like it here in Paris. But Hollywood is such a great machine for making films. Here in Europe we are all artisans. There,

they have an industry. So, yes, I would like to. How, I don't know." Interestingly, Spielberg asked if he was interested in *Schindler's List* some three years ago. The answer was no. "It takes the imagination to make a film of that subject. You need to be a filmmaker to make a film like that, not someone who recalls it."

Polanski's own life could be the subject of a film. God knows who could impersonate this tiny man, with the shifty face of a child familiar with too much of the world's evil. And God knows who could direct it. Cronenberg perhaps, or David Lynch. Certainly not the man himself. He'd deny all knowledge.

Show of confidence

Every two years, the Whitney Museum mounts a large exhibition which purports to survey the most significant developments in contemporary American art. The 1995 model has opened to the usual throngs of visitors — and the usual bawling among the critics. Its predecessor in 1993, almost universally reviled as a brainless exercise in political correctness, was the first Biennial to be chosen by a single curator, in that case Elizabeth Sussman. The 89 artists in this year's exhibition were chosen by Klaus Kertess, a former dealer who now serves as the museum's adjunct curator for drawings.

Before 1993, the artists were selected by a committee. The decision to shift to a single curator for the Biennial was prompted in part by complaints that the committees had so many debts to pay off and powerful friends to please that there was little space left for fresh, interesting work. The 1995 Biennial does contain fresh, interesting work, and scores of important people will not be happy with Kertess's choices — surely a good thing. Many of the top-dollar SoHo artists such as Ross Bleckner, David Salle, and Julian Schnabel were passed over in favour of exciting young artists.

Among those included is Toba Khedoori, whose 20ft-long drawings of trains and urban tenements wittily combine meticulous draughtsmanship with a funky, beguiling surface. Nancy Rubins's massive installation of hundreds of mattresses hanging from the gallery ceiling, their interiors stuffed with cakes, makes a startling prospect, assailing even the olfactory organs with the aroma of the cakes. Peter Saul, from Austin, Texas, contributed an outrageous cartoon painting of God as a slice of cake with pink icing, flanked by Elvis as Jesus and the Virgin Mary as a black floozie. Kertess is closely associated

Jamie James on New York's Whitney Biennial exhibition of contemporary art

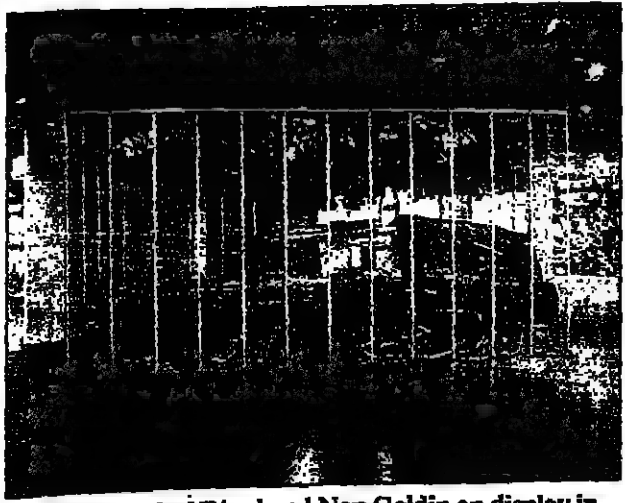
with the minimalist art of the Sixties and Seventies; wisely, he proclaims this connection openly rather than trying to censor himself. The second floor opens with a gallery that at first glance appears almost empty, for it is hung with white paintings by Robert Rymann, some very low-key works by Agnes Martin, and a discreet test-piece by Lawrence Weiner. It was a brave gesture, but those established masters are overshadowed by the fourth artist in the room, represented by a single, tiny work: Charles Ray's exquisitely finished self-portrait in painted wood, mysteriously encased in a glass bottle. Another interesting innovation this year is the inclusion for the first time of Mexican and Canadian artists: the museum's lobby is dominated by Gabriel Orozco's *Elevator*, an amusingly shrunken lift cabin; Julio Gelman's magical canvases are some of the

strongest paintings in the show.

Although Kertess did allow the dreaded white males to sink back to the Whitney, there is still a strong dose of abrasive political art here to offend those who seek to be offended. Lesbian photographer Catherine Opie's nude self-portrait in a black leather mask, with 46 hypodermic needles perforating her body, is as repellent as the artist could have wished. Lari Pittman's deliberately tasteless paintings seemed sassy two years ago, but now they are merely depressing.

Yet it is hard to imagine a Whitney Biennial that New Yorkers would not complain about. If there is not a lot of strong work in the exhibition, that may just be because there is none out there to be found. Besides, as in the case of the Oscars and the Super Bowl, those other American exercises in industrial self-congratulation, complaining about the Whitney Biennial is a ritualistic part of the fun. The typical New Yorker's rave review might fit this occasion: "It could be worse."

After it closes in New York on June 4, the Biennial will travel to Europe for the first time, to be one of the inaugural exhibitions of the new Museum of Modern Art in Prague.



Works by Nari Ward and Nan Goldin on display in this year's Whitney Biennial, selected by Klaus Kertess

FESTIVAL: Music from the Baltics comes to London

Melody flows freely



Veljo Tormis: draws on the music of the Baltic Finns

IT IS almost impossible to overstate the importance of music and, in particular, of song in focusing the ideas and aspirations of the Estonian people. In the university town of Tartu, and on a hill above the capital Tallinn, they have gathered since 1869 in their hundreds of thousands — just to sing. At first there was no audience: now a song festival which takes place every four years, in one of the world's largest open-air auditoriums, attracts a third of the country's population.

On September 10, 1988, in the burgeoning months of perestroika, 300,000 people met for a totally unscheduled festival. The Singing Revolution had begun. Since August 1991, when Soviet power was declared illegal and an independent republic restored, musical activity in Estonia has been not so much a case of the *Emerging Light of the South Baltic* Festival, as a dazzling sunburst. In Tallinn's crumbling but exquisite medieval centre, dank cellars once cluttered with rubbish are now vibrant with mighty jazz, small chamber groups organise ad hoc concerts day and night in ancient merchants' halls and once-locked churches.

The Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir and its conductor Tõnu Kaljuste, who perform at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on May 4 and 5, were leading figures in the Singing Revolution. In the more repressive years of the Soviet occupation, they would tour unapproved programmes of contemporary music, performing in village churches which were strictly out of bounds. Now, Grammy-nominated and supported by 100 per cent direct government funding, their programmes of largely ethnic Estonian and European sacred music remain an icon of national identity.

They bring to London four works by Arvo Pärt and a major piece by the lesser-known Veljo Tormis. While Pärt reformed his musical language, after years of silence,

by investigating and absorbing Russian Orthodox and medieval European traditions, Tormis turned to the indigenous music of the Baltic Finns living on the borders of Estonia, Finland and Russia: the Livonians, Votians, Izhorians and Karelians who form the *Forgotten Peoples* of his song cycle to be performed in the QEII foyer at 10pm on May 4.

But if Estonian composers of the Pärt-Tormis generation have felt compelled to discover and identify where they came from, simply because it was difficult in those dark days of isolation to have a vision of where they were going to, then the new generation find themselves, almost overnight, as part of a global village of information and ideas. Everything is possible. As a result, their music tends to be a heady synthesis of the ancient and the avant-garde, of East and West, chant and computer technology.

Erkki-Sven Tüür, one of Estonia's most articulate and

self-aware young composers, has — with his tongue halfway in his cheek — given subtitles like *Postmetamorphosis* or *PER Cadenza AD Meta-simplicity* to his work. And he has been summoned by the South Bank to take part in a Contemporary Music Making for Amateurs weekend on Saturday and Sunday. His new work-in-progress, *Changes* are taking shape, will be part composed, part improvised with different groups of players then performed in the QEII foyer half an hour before Monday's concert, which will feature two earlier works by Tüür.

IN TALLINN, among the constant tapping and banging of architectural renovation and the lingering fumes of Ladas and Russian cigarettes, there seem to be as many festivals as there are months in the year, as many concerts and recitals as there are days in the week and venues in which to house them.

The Government still, miraculously, sees music as a funding priority: local corporate sponsorship is difficult in a country with few large companies, but already Swedish and Finnish companies are being approached, and a tax and lottery-funded Endowment for the Arts is in place. In the Cuckoo Club, a dark subterranean gathering place for artists and musicians, once tingling with the frisson of being both an intellectual oasis and a KGB trap, a new vibrancy is palpable in the dense, smoky air. Madis Kolk, pianist and journalist, Peeter Vahi, Cadillac-driving managing director of Kaljuste's choir, are still plotting, talking earnestly and urgently — and laughing. "Write that we are optimistic. Yes, very optimistic. We will make it work. And tell them, yes — we have an English sense of humour!"

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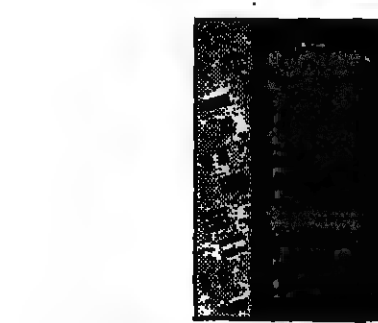
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Zen and the art of acting

I presented myself at Yoshi Oida's theatre workshop hoping to learn the secrets of Zen, but the first thing he made us do was wash the floor. We must begin by clearing the mind and purifying the stage, he explained. Will he be scribbling the bozzis of the Lyttelton today, I wonder, when he returns to London in Peter Brook's *The Man Who*?

Either way, you can see his point the moment he walks on stage. His charisma is both sensual and enigmatic: there is a spirit behind the muscle. He is at once Japanese and universal — or as he describes himself, a Western mind in an Eastern body.

In many ways, Oida is the quintessential Peter Brook actor. In a collaboration lasting 25 years, his career, which includes training in a Buddhist monastery, parallels Brook's own search for a theatre that will speak to everybody. Each has influenced the other, and for both of them it has been a Zen-like path away from the unnecessary to get to the essence. "Peter's work is getting more and more minimalist," he observes. And nowhere is this more strikingly apparent than in *The Man Who*. Even the title is minimalist.

Based on Oliver Sacks's book *The Man who Mistook his Wife for a Hat*, and consisting solely of encounters between doctors and patients, it is hardly a play. It is so, in fact, that the actors almost disappear. Yet the piece is extraordinarily moving in the way it dramatizes the struggle of Sacks's brain-damaged patients to cope with reality.

Take the scene where Oida plays a man who can see nothing on his left side. After staying in a mirror he is shown, on video screen, that one half of his face remains covered in leather. The point of recognition throws him into profound desolation. Oida portrays this by appear-

ing to do almost nothing, yet the moment stabs right through our hearts. How does he achieve such a powerful emotional impact?

"I live that situation but I try not to act or show it," says Oida. "If you want to show the whole situation of that character, then the audience receives too much information. Somehow the actor must make an empty space where the imagination of the audience can enter. Then there can be true contact."

Oida himself has also known desolation, candidly described in his recent book, *An Actor Adrift*, a poignant account of a mid-life crisis. In it he accuses himself of making a mess of his life, building nothing and drifting aimlessly around the world.

But he also has the knack of being in the right place at the right time. When Brook invited him to Paris in 1970 to join his international theatre company, it was just what Oida was looking for. Dissatisfied with his life as a classical Kyogen actor and confused about his identity as a Japanese in the world at large, he was "on the point of giving up acting in favour of directing."

Watching someone like Brook seemed the ideal way to learn. "For me rehearsing is the most interesting part of the show," he admits. "During the rehearsals with Peter I am so happy, but afterwards when I have to perform the same thing for two years, then I am not so happy to be an actor. If I can't learn about directing then I'm not interested to act in someone's production."

In the end he has had it both ways. With Brook he made the transition from rigid *kata*, where the fixed form of a performance is handed down for generations, to the bracing freedom of improvisation. And when Brook told him: "I think you should now stop using Japanese techniques," he paradoxically discovered the deeper prin-



Yoshi Oida in *The Man Who*: In the course of a 25-year collaboration with Peter Brook, the two have been searching for a theatre that will speak to everybody

ples behind Japanese classical theatre and was able to share them with the company.

He has also had success as a director, with shows such as *Interrogations* in which he appeared during this year's London International Mime Festival. His next dream is to direct a film. Perhaps this was his hidden reason for taking a lead role in Peter Greenaway's latest film, *The Pillow Book*; the chance to watch another superlative director at work.

In the meantime, he keeps acting and teaching workshops in order to eat. But can he pass on the secrets of his own success on stage? "You can improve with training, but there is something in your bones that is either an actor or not an actor," he says. "A great Kabuki actor once told his pupil, 'I can teach you the movement of how to point to the moon, but what happens between your finger and the moon is your responsibility.'"

■ *The Man Who* is at the Lyttelton Theatre (0171-928 2252)

Double trouble with a baby

THE Susannah York mini-season continues, mercifully, at the Grace. First came York's solo appearance as a country singer. Now she is directing an American double bill by the distinctly second-rate writer Joshua Goldstein.

The First Years and *Beginnings* are a pair of embryonically unready plays about having babies and medical problems. *Beginnings*, the better of the two, is a screwball comedy (if that is the word) about infertility. There are flashes of humor in the anti-heroic husband Paul's struggles to arouse himself for sperm count samples, armed only with an unalarming plastic jar and his failing imagination.

Fiona Mollison is fine as his exasperated, insecure wife Julia,

**The First Years/
Beginnings**
Grace, Battersea

and Ron Berglas's Paul can be amusingly neurotic. However, I wasn't convinced the couple live in the same dramatic universe. Moreover, what on earth was Julia's schizophrenic brother doing, drifting through soliloquising about astro-projection while executing karate moves?

The First Years is a mother's monologue about her baby, Edward, who has cancer. Infant death is a subject of infinite sorrow. Unfortunately, Goldstein's handling of Sarah's story

tries to tug at the heart strings without having much of a clue how to touch a chord theatrically. We never see Edward. Sarah, endlessly dewy-eyed and smiling, kneels over a little bundle of thin air. Even before she knows of Edward's illness, Sarah is, regrettably, a baby-bore, listing every blessed thing he does. Her speech sounds like suspiciously overwritten diary entries, interrupted only by the phone. I understood that Edward's decreasing playfulness indicated he was tragically unwell, but I did sneakily wonder if he was just on strike, fed up with all this sentimentality. All credit to Laurel Lefkow, who plays Sarah without bating an eyelid.

KATE BASSETT



Director Susannah York

DANCE: Standing ovation in Germany for David Bintley's all-British blockbuster

Right royal sex and violence

Edward II
Staatstheater, Stuttgart

OUT of sight, out of mind, is what they say. But David Bintley can hardly be forgotten when he is due to take over as director of the Birmingham Royal Ballet this summer. Also, although he has spent this past year painfully abroad, he has been a busy bee: new ballets to create in Munich and San Francisco, the popular *Penguin Café* to mount in South Africa, and now a hugely ambitious, rapaciously acclaimed full-length work for the Stuttgart Ballet.

Bintley's *Edward II* continues two longstanding Stuttgart traditions of making big dramatic ballets, often on unexpected subjects, and of welcoming British choreographers — John Cranko, Kenneth MacMillan and Bintley's Birmingham predecessor, Peter Wright, all did many of their best ballets there. This time there is in fact an all-British production team: a score commissioned from John McCabe, three notable designers, and of course Christopher Marlowe's play as the starting point of Bintley's scenario.

Re-reading this before last weekend's premiere, I wondered how its action could possibly be transposed into dance. Surprisingly it works well. Bintley has cut down the number of characters and tells the essential story clearly, concentrating on the four principals whose natures and predicaments he makes vivid with an ideal cast.

The King is the most complex, yet at every moment his actions and reactions seem simple and inevitable. Wolfgang Stolwitzer, tall and slender, with tumbling fair hair, reveals a stunner that belies his frail appearance, and brings out the fascinating mixture of weakness and determination which makes him lose in turn his lover, wife, son, kingdom, crown and life. Throughout two acts of



Richard Cragun as Mortimer, with Sabrina Lenzi as Isabella

respectively, 60 and 50 minutes he is never long from the centre of attention, and Stolwitzer sustains the focus through a vast variety of moods.

Benito Marcelino's Gaveston is a perfect foil: compact, dark, eager, gay in the old sense as well as the modern one, he gives the young man a boisterous energy that makes the melancholy King light up with happiness. A brief idyll they enjoy in the country is a sunny interlude in a stormy drama, and makes Gaveston's murder soon

afterwards all the more horrifying: trampled and hacked to death, his head left in a bloody sack for Edward to find and swear revenge.

By contrast, Richard Cragun's Mortimer is a creature of cold lust for power. Even in his most erotic episodes seducing Queen Isabella, he is always on guard; the way he stirs up the barons against Edward is equally calculating. Cragun is one of the company's veterans, but still in tremendous form. Sabrina Lenzi is their newest star dancer; first her Isabella is touching in her

fragile, distressed isolation, but gradually she works a powerful transformation into the Warrior Queen, the "she-wolf of France", leading her troops with impetuous swoops and willing even to threaten her young son's life to force his father to give up the crown.

This impressive performance is virtually all that the plot provides for women, except for a neat cameo by Dominique Charlier as her lady friend, and a dance or two for French court ladies at the betrothal of Prince Edward and his child bride (two solemn and excellent children from the John Cranko school).

The men of the company, however, have wonderful opportunities: in the scene of the barons' conspiracy, in the revolts and battles, and in an interlude where Gaveston gets a troop of strolling players to act a wildly bawdy satire on court morals — or their lack.

McCabe's score is strong theatre music reinforcing the dramatic moods. It proves more apt and proportionate to the action than his previous ballet, *The Mary, Queen of Scots* which he wrote for Peter Darrell nearly 20 years ago. Often raw in tone, powerfully rhythmic, it grates and grips more often than it delights.

Peter Davison's settings mainly enclose the action with walls, doorways, scaffolds and sinister windows; together with Peter Mumford's highly imaginative lighting, they give the ballet an impressive look that is only partly sustained by Jasper Conran's often handsome but too uniform costumes (and the switch to modernish clothes for the opening scenes of Act II is a puzzle).

The Stuttgart audience gave this evening of sex and violence and tremendous dancing a 15-minute ovation on opening night. Now the question is whether Bintley can provide similarly strong meat for Birmingham.

JOHN PERCIVAL

CONCERTS: Brilliant young strings and exquisite devotions

Racing pulse of youth

Petersen Quartet
Wigmore Hall

THERE are some very fine young string quartets around these days, but I have heard none finer than the Petersen Quartet. Emanating from the former East Germany, they have rapidly made a reputation for themselves in recent years, and that reputation will have been firmly consolidated by the magnificent recital they gave at the Wigmore Hall on Saturday night.

Immediately in Haydn's String Quartet in D Major, Op 20 No 4, the very special quality of their collective timbre was evident. The tone is a mellow one, rich in colour — one passage in the second movement had an almost Brahmsian hue — with a propensity for sudden flights of soaring lyricism. What makes those moments so special, however, is a sense of weightlessness, of buoyancy in the texture that sets the pulse racing.

The centrepiece of their recital was a splendidly ethnic edge to the gypsy style of the *Menuet Alla Zingarese*, while the surprises of

the finale — dramatic pauses, sharp dynamic contrasts — were all carried off against a background of scintillating brilliance.

The music of the Czech composer, Erwin Schulhoff, whose creative genius was prematurely snuffed out in the Würzburg concentration camp in 1942, has recently been getting the exposure it deserves, thanks to ensembles such as the Petersen. The vigorous Slovak id-

om of the First String Quartet's third movement was nicely brought out here, as were the plentiful Bartókian overtones throughout, but it was the eerie bowing effects of the second-movement Allegro ("con malinconia grotesca") that gave the strongest hint of the work's ironic undertow.

In the first movement of Beethoven's Quartet in A Minor (Op 132), they juxtaposed eloquence and a forceful thrust in the alternating modes of the music. The three-in-a-bar of the Ländler-like second movement was given with more than just a lift, using the minims to launch a powerful surge through each phrase in turn. A surge of fresh life was also palpable in the sections of the *Heiliger Dankgesang* (Holy Hymn of Thanksgiving) representing the "feeling of new strength", while the Adagio paragraphs were serene without being sanctimonious.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Songs of praise, Paris-style

Le Concert Spirituel
Snape Maltings

THE Aldeburgh Early Music Festival, established only a year ago, has an excellent chance of flourishing. Holding the event over the Easter weekend is a wise play. The boundaries are clearly marked, leaving little chance that it will outreach its potential. At its present level, according to its director, Philip Pickett, it achieves the major miracle of breaking even.

Thanks not to any help from British corporate or public sponsors but to assistance from the French Institute and the Association Française d'Action Artistique — does not anyone ever feel just slightly embarrassed by foreign artists being paid for by foreign money to perform here? — Saturday's concert was given by Le Concert Spirituel. This is a fine group of singers and players based in Paris, directed by Hervé Niquet and taking its name from the organisation founded by Philidor in 1725 for the purpose of providing public music at times when theatrical performance was forbidden.

which included a long period around Easter.

The modern version of the group has no such limitations, but due respect was given in any case to the liturgical season in a programme that consisted of music from the late 17th century. The first part was devoted to a D Minor Mass by Marc-Antoine Charpentier, richly scored, full of modern Italian influence in its vivid contrasts of scoring (the composer wrote it probably shortly after his return from a period in Rome), yet perhaps inevitably retaining a sense of formality that speaks more of duty than of the wondrous inspiration or sense of fantasy which informs this composer's operas. There were also two well-wrought motets, *O amantissime Jesu*, for two sopranos and continuo, and the impressive, larger-

scaled *Motet pour les confesseurs*, both composed by an Italian resident in France at the time, Paolo Lorenzani, and sung after the Credo and Agnus Dei.

In all of these pieces Niquet forged clean, stylish performances from his small choir and orchestra, the low pitch standard bringing an apposite solemnity and richness to the textures. The solo singers, Ruth Holton, Stefan Van Dyck (a Gallic Rogers Covey-Crump), Hervé Lamy and Bernard Délicat, came more into their own in the second half, devoted to the *Trois Lamentations pour la Semaine Sainte* by Jean Gilles. This is music both touching and exquisite, laden with regretful emotions but, save in the ornate settings of the Hebrew letters that introduce each verse, also economical and direct.

One small complaint. It is surely possible for the players to tune more quickly and efficiently than they did here.

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Myself doubts linger after trial

By RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

A CLASSIC trial which promised so much somehow failed to deliver yesterday despite the convincing victory of Myself in the Shadwell Stud Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket.

At face value the 24-length success of the filly running in the colours of Lady Tavistock's Bloomsbury Stud should have had everyone clamouring for her chances of winning the Madagascars 1,000 Guineas on May 7. The winning time was only just below the standard for the seven furlong race; John Reid hardly moved a muscle as the daughter of Nashwan cruised past Red Carnal and Epsgrig; and Peter Chapple-Hyam insisted

Nap: OVERBURY
(3.05 Newmarket)
Next best Diffident
(3.40 Newmarket)

she will improve significantly during the next three weeks. And yet the doubts remain. Although Myself showed no signs of the flighty behaviour which last season saw her throw away a race at Newbury and flash her tail when finishing fifth in the Cheveley Park Stakes, the suspicion remains she may not relish the kind of battle which is unavoidable in a classic. Mike Dillon, the respected representative of Ladbrokes, said: "I think that was Myself's Guineas day and I don't think we saw the classic winner there."

Reid complimented Bloomsbury Stud for helping to make Myself more relaxed but, significantly, added: "Peter Chapple-Hyam had her fit for today and I just had to steer her in the right direction."



Myself staked her 1,000 Guineas claim with victory in the Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket yesterday

When Walter Swinburn cruised to the front in Red Carnal two furlongs out, she looked sure to run out a convincing winner and yet within a matter of strides she was in trouble, and in the end was tipped for second by Epsgrig. More worrying was her rather high head carriage which hardly increases confidence that she can reverse the form next month, even on 3lb better terms.

Epsgrig, a runaway winner of an end of term Newmarket maiden, was having only the

second day of her career and yet Henry Cecil was noticeably low-key afterwards. "She should come on for the race but she has got to come on a bit. She runs a very good race but she's got to be fair and square today, although the winner has had a few races. If Epsgrig can make the normal improvement, she is worth running."

Michael Stone, who had to wait Red Carnal for a big test over the weekend, commented: "We know she will need the race and I was

glad to get her here and give her a good workout." Swinburn added: "She has done nothing at home. She felt great throughout the race and when I let her go she picked up a bit and then got tired and a bit leg weary up the hill."

All of which left the bookmakers in something of a quandary. In the end, they did little, except on Myself to a little-priced 8-1. Ladbrokes go 5-1 Moonshot, 8-1 Red Carnal and Myself, 10-1 Epsgrig, Macomber, Gay Gallant and Aqarid, 16-1 bar.

The best race by far on the opening day of the Craven meeting saw Lake Coniston break the six-furlong track record when winning the Abernethy Stakes by four lengths. Geoff Lewis believes the Bluebird colt, owned by Highclere Thoroughbred Racing, is the best sprinter he has ever trained and the four-year-old will be aimed at the Duke of York Stakes, the July Cup and the Haydock Sprint Cup before possibly being sent for the Breeders' Cup Sprint at Belmont Park.

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Michael Lumsden). It's far more realistic and far more painful. And it makes being funny far harder.

But we're getting there — largely thanks to the soothing administrations of Ellie (Minnie Driver), a sort of trainee earth-mother who, when she's not baking bread, is planting impure thoughts in the minds of men old enough to be her grandfather, let alone her son.

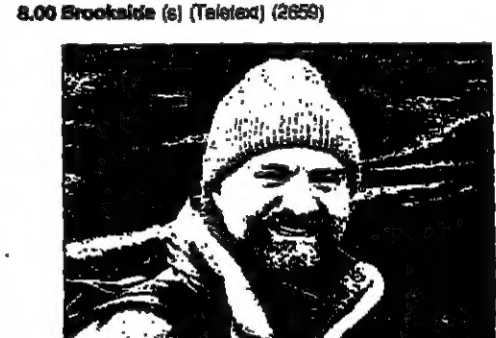
Last night she gave the go-ahead for Harry and her tenant, Harry (Richard Pearson) to have a game of football — "I never discourage rebellion". The problem, as our ageing strikers discovered, was raising a team. "What about you, son — you look a bit of a sportsman?" inquired Peter of the most decrepit of the three elderly gentlemen on the park bench. "I'm dying," he wheezed. "Yeah, but not at this very moment." There's life in this yet.

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- 6.35am *Spiff and Hercules* (7389971)
- 7.00 *The Big Breakfast* (93548)
- 9.00 *Little Wizards* (†) (1819)
- 9.30 *California Dreams* (6803045)
- 9.55 *Gamesmaster* (†) (8) (8603564)
- 10.25 *Batman* (3889726)
- 10.55 *The Adventures of Tintin* (†) (5975155)
- 11.20 *Pugwilt's Summer* (†) (5782890)
- 11.50 *Tortytoons* (†) (8420703)
- 12.00 *House to House with Maya Even* (38165)
- 12.30 *Seams Street* (†) (97426)
- 1.30 *The Herbs* (†) (32890)
- 2.00 *Profile of Nature: The Beaver* (†) (Teletext) (5985429)
- 2.25 *Channel 4, Racing from Newmarket*. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the 2.55, 3.06, 3.40 and 4.15 races (53338665)
- 4.30 *Fifteen-to-One* (†) (Teletext) (703)
- 5.00 *Ricki Lake: Without a Man I am Nothing*. Woman who argues that having a man is a luxury, not a necessity, are asked to choose between a ticket to a Broadway show or a date with a hunk, with surprising results. (5) (Teletext) (9380205)
- 5.45 *Barkslade*. Czech animation (487838)
- 6.00 *All American Girl: Edie on Market Street*. Comedy series (5) (Teletext) (828)
- 6.30 *Boy Meets World*. Rites of passage comedy (5) (Teletext) (546)
- 7.00 *Channel 4 News and Weather* (Teletext) (550871)



Cameron McNeish on freedom to roam (3.30pm)

6.30 The Great Outdoors. Cameron McNeish examines the implications of the Criminal Justice Bill for outdoor activities, plus Britain's "secret roads". (s) (Teletext) (2394)

9.00 The Holylands: The Children of Abraham. Looking at the deadly stalemate which has beset the peace process on the West Bank. (s) (Teletext) (680)

10.00 ER: Happy New Year. Ross (George Clooney) ponders the value of his love affair with a pharmaceutical rep, while Lewis questions family values. (s) (Teletext) (223987)

10.55 The Best of the Tube. With Joels Holland and Paula Yates, featuring Cyndi Lauper, The Communards and Gary Galtier. (457797)

11.30 Cheers: Save the Last Dance for Me. Carls and former husband Nick revive their glory days on the dance floor. (r) (Teletext) (56816)

12.00 The White Room (r) (s) (31310)

1.00am Mojo Working. Blues legend BB King. (r) (s) (47469)

1.30 Question D'Ottiques. Animation (8998469)

1.55 FILM: The Captain Hates the Sea (1934, b/w). Comedy drama on a cruise liner explained by Walter Connolly. With Victor McLaglen, Helen Vinson and John Gilbert. Directed by Lewin Milstone. Ends at 3.25. (595830)

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